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## 45 CHANCES FOR BRITAIN

### OPEN GOLF TITLE

#### SEVENTEEN AMERICANS FOR THIRD ROUND

#### SOME NOTABLE FAILURES

Edinburgh, Yesterday.

At Muirfield, Walter Hagen in the second round of the Open Golf Championship returned a card of 67, which is a new record.

The weather was sunny, with a gentle breeze, when Hagen today staged his "comeback," which marks him as one of the greatest players of all time, even if he fails to retain the British title.

With a total disregard of the time, the crowd or anything else, he studied thoroughly every shot, and saved stroke after stroke, with painstaking methods. He took a hundred minutes for the first nine holes, done in 4, 4, 3, 3, 4, 3, 3, 5, 4, a total of thirty-three.

At the eighth a long drive was very slightly pushed out, with the result that he was trapped, and paid the penalty with a five.

By the time he left the tenth tee, the gallery had increased to over five thousand.

**Uncanny Accuracy**

He continued to play with uncanny accuracy, and never looked like breaking down at any stage.

At the fourteenth he played a great spoon shot, then holed a put from ten feet for an eagle three. In the whole round there was only one bad shot, a chip from behind a bunker at the seventeenth, where he went too boldly for the hole, the ball running ten yards past. This was the only time he failed to get a par figure.

Hagen was a little lucky at the eighteenth, when his second shot struck the flag, this partially stopping the ball, which finished on the far edge of the green. He got four, however, for the best single round accomplished in the history of the Open Championship, coming home with 4, 4, 4, 3, 3, 4, 3, 5, 4, a total of thirty-four.

#### 64 Qualify

For the next round 64 players have qualified, including 17 Americans, one Argentinian, and one South African.

The most notable failures are Massey, Bert Hodson, Alex. Herd, and Harry Vardon.

All above 157 have automatically retired from the competition.

#### Leading Scores

The leading scores at the end of the second round are as under:

Leo Diegel (U.S.A.)	71-69-140
W. Hagen (U.S.A.)	75-67-142
Abe Mitchell (British)	72-72-144
Percy Alliss (British)	69-76-145
Gene Sarazen (U.S.A.)	73-74-147
J. Farrell (U.S.A.)	72-75-147
Johnny Golden (U.S.A.)	74-73-147
R. Cruickshank (U.S.A.)	74-74-148
A. Bommer (British)	74-74-148
A. Armour (U.S.A.)	75-73-148
M. Melhorn (U.S.A.)	74-74-148
Archie Compston (British)	76-73-149
M. Bingham (British)	73-76-149
Mark Seymour (British)	74-74-149
Cyril Foley (British)	74-76-150
F. Taggart (British)	75-75-150
Jose Jurado (Argentine)	77-73-150
Fernie (British)	76-75-151
Jim Barnes (U.S.A.)	71-80-151
Madonald Smith (U.S.A.)	73-78-151
T. Williamson (British)	73-78-151
Willis Mackenzie, Morton Hill (British)	80-71-151
A. L. Espinosa (U.S.A.)	77-75-152
A. Watrous (U.S.A.)	73-79-152
C. Horton Smith (U.S.A.)	76-76-152
E. D. Dudley (U.S.A.)	72-80-152
H. C. Jolly (Foxgrove)	72-80-152
J. Turnesa (U.S.A.)	73-79-152
J. Taylor (British)	77-75-152
Reg. Whitcombe (British)	77-75-152
H. C. Cator (British)	73-79-152
T. P. Perkins (British)	73-79-152
C. A. Whitcombe (British)	77-76-153
W. T. Twin (British)	74-79-153
F. Robson (British)	77-76-154
G. Duncan (British)	78-76-154
Havers (British)	80-74-154
Westell (British)	78-76-154
Ray (British)	80-78-156
G. Von Elm (U.S.A.)	80-78-157
Massy (British)	81-77-158

## CHOLERA OUTBREAK

### ALARMING PROPORTIONS IN CALCUTTA

#### 90 CASES DAILY

Calcutta, Yesterday.

The outbreak of cholera here, has assumed alarming proportions being spread throughout the city. Cases average 90 per day and the hospitals are over-crowded.

The majority of the victims are Indians, but Europeans generally are being inoculated as a precautionary measure.—Reuter.

## COURT MARTIAL

### CORPORAL CONVICTED ON TWO CHARGES

#### SENTENCE LATER

The District Court Martial this afternoon found Cpl. Charles Hendry, K.O.S.B., not guilty on 14 of the 16 charges preferred against him.

He was convicted on the first and third charges which were as follows:—

That, while acting as clerk to the President of the Regimental Institute, on or about October 27, he received a cheque for \$30.57 drawn by the President and payable to the Navy, Army and Air Force Institute for the purpose of paying a debt which he stated had been incurred with the N.A.A.F.I. for cleaning materials supplied while the King's Own Scottish Borderers were at Shamen, and that he cashed the cheque at the Murray Barracks N.A.A.F.I. and used the proceeds for his own purposes with intent to defraud.

The third charge was that he on October 28 received a cheque for \$115.86 drawn by the officer commanding the Machine Gun Company, payable to the President of the Institute, for the purpose of paying the same in to the Chartered Bank, that he failed to do so and cashed the cheque at Murray Barracks and used the money for his own purposes.

Capt. P. Perfect read the accused's record which showed that he had over six years' service and had never before been convicted or in custody.

The Court then adjourned to consider the sentence which will be promulgated in due course.

[Earlier news on page 7.]

## KOVNO TRAGEDY

### ERRONEOUS REPORT REGARDING ADOPTED SON

#### SEVERAL ARRESTS

Kovno, Yesterday.

The report that M. Valdemaras' adopted son died is incorrect. On the contrary, he is recovering.

Several arrests have been made in connection with the attempt to assassinate M. Valdemaras.—Reuter.

## THIRD TIME LUCKY?

### "CONNIE" TALMADGE AGAIN MARRIED!

#### TO CHICAGO MERCHANT

Beverly Hills, Cal., May 8.

The film star, Miss Constance Talmadge, has been married for the third time, on this occasion to a Chicago merchant, Mr. Townsend Nether.—Reuter.

## "OLD MASTERS"

### "FANCY PRICES" OBTAINED AT AUCTION

New York, Yesterday.

At an auction in New York City of the Anderson Galleries, Pietro Francesca's "Crucifixion" was bought by Sir Joseph Duveen for \$375,000, which is believed to be a record price for a painting at a public auction. Fra. Lippo Lippi's "Madonna and Child" was sold for \$125,000.—Reuter.

## DUTCH PLANE

### AT BOMBAY EN ROUTE TO BATAVIA

Bombay, Yesterday.

The Dutch seaplanes en route to Batavia have arrived at Bombay from Karachi, and will resume their journey in 2 or 3 days.—Reuter.

## It was reported at the Middle-

borough Court of Guardians that a football sweepstake had been run weekly among the male inmates of the workhouse.

The late Sir George A. C. Hutchinson, K.C., Conservative M.P. for North Lanarkshire, left estate valued at £213,164 (net personalty £161,254).

Mr. Frank Safford, Recorder of Canterbury since 1894, died recently, aged 80.

## REBEL GUNBOATS OFF SHAMEEN

### BOMBS DROPPED

#### CANTON DETERMINED TO RESIST CAPTURE

#### S.O.S. TO CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Canton, Yesterday.

An attempt has been made by Cantonese aeroplanes to bomb the Navy into submission. The rebel gunboats took refuge off Shameen near the foreign gunboats.

[Admiral Chan Chak is at the head of the Canton Navy, and he is a staunch supporter of Marshal Li Chai-sum.]

**Help Expected**

General Chan Chai-tong hopes to receive help from the Central Government, and is determined to resist invasion.—British Naval Wireless.

There is a rumour in Canton that the Kwangsi forces will invade Canton. General Chan Chai-tong has been much perturbed and has petitioned the Central Government for help. Public opinion is that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is not in a position to give much more help to Canton at this juncture.

**Another Report**

The following account also reaches us this morning:—

Yesterday three launches filled with soldiers attempted to board the "Fei Ying," the Chinese cruiser, lying off the Shameen. After approaching within a hundred yards they decided to turn back and went down the front Reach.

The "Fei Ying," together with the other Chinese naval units, then moving up and anchored close to the foreign gunboats.

## DUKE IN JAPAN

### CONCLUSION OF HIS "OFFICIAL VISIT"

#### TO TOUR "INCOGNITO"

Tokyo, Yesterday.

To-day ends the Duke of Gloucester's stay in Japan, as an official guest of the nation. Tomorrow he leaves for a fortnight's tour up-country, where he will travel "incognito."

This morning he paid a farewell visit to the Emperor and Empress, to thank them for their hospitality; and afterwards he lunched at the Imperial Palace.

The Emperor returned the visit in the afternoon, and bade the Duke a cordial farewell. He requested the Duke to convey to the King his deep appreciation of the bestowal of the Order of the Garter.

The Duke's visit to Japan has made an excellent impression, and Japanese of all ranks are extending the greatest honour to him.—Reuter.

## FATAL EXPLOSION

### S.S. "CARNARVONSHIRE" BOILER DISASTER

#### ENGINEER KILLED

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The fourth engineer, Kakie by name was fatally injured this morning as a result of an explosion in the boiler room on the Glen liner "Carnarvonshire" which was making preparations to sail for Vladivostok. The sailing is delayed till to-morrow.

Kakie, it is understood, came from New Zealand.—Reuter.

## 'PLANE IN STORM

### LONG JAPANESE FLIGHT INTERRUPTED

#### DESTROYERS SEARCHING

Tokyo, Yesterday.

A naval plane is missing and two others were forced to make emergency landings, owing to stormy weather while carrying out a long distance flight between Omura, near Nagasaki, and Nawa in the Luchus.

Destroyers have been despatched in search of the missing machine but have had no success so far.—Reuter.

Mr. Ellis Davies, Liberal M.P. for Denbigh, will not contest the seat at the coming election.

The Southern Railway has started using loud-speakers at London Bridge Station to give information regarding trains.

## IN LIQUIDATION

### UNITED ASBESTOS AGENCY WOUND UP

#### EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

At an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders on the United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited, this morning at the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., it was definitely decided that the Company should be wound up voluntarily and that Messrs. Dodwell & Co. be appointed the liquidators for such winding up.

Mr. J. P. Warren, presiding at the meeting, said: You will remember that at the extraordinary general meeting held at these offices on April 24 the following resolution was approved as an extraordinary resolution:—

"That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Messrs. Dodwell & Co. Ltd. of Hong Kong, be appointed liquidators for the purpose of such winding up."

This requires confirmation at this meeting and I therefore beg to propose that the foregoing extraordinary resolution be confirmed.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Edwards, and was unanimously carried.

Present at the meeting were Messrs. J. P. Warren (Chairman), H. J. Silva, B. S. Vieira, G. R. Edwards (Secretary).

## STOLEN SMOKES

### AGED DAME CHARGES SMALL URCHIN

#### "CAUGHT THE RASCAL"

An old woman, stooping with age, and hobbling with the aid of a bent and polished stick, lodged a complaint at the Central Magistracy this morning against a Chinese lad, whom she accused of having stolen some cigarettes from her stall in Second-street.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton, seeing the obvious old age of the complainant, ordered that a chair be placed in the witness box for her. Standing quite close to her and shouting questions at her, the Court interpreter experienced no little difficulty in extracting her story.

She said that her stall had been left temporarily in charge of a little girl, and on her return she (complainant) saw a boy steal a packet of cigarettes and give it to two other boys standing close by. She caught the rascal, but he struggled violently and broke loose. She could not, however, state definitely that the boy in the dock was the one she had caught.

Inspector Bloor said that in the charge room, when the case was brought in, she definitely said that the boy in Court was the one she arrested. She added that the boy had been arrested by her nephew, who had chased him after he had been pointed out by a little girl who had witnessed the theft. She had, however, said nothing of the fact that she had left the stall in charge of a girl.

His Worship remarked that unless the girl be produced in Court he could not convict the boy.

Inspector Bloor said that the Police had attempted to find the girl but had failed.—They would, however, try again.

The case was remanded for 24 hours.

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## Dr. Shellshear AS EXPERT

### WITNESS FOR BANK

#### CAPABILITIES OF A CLEVER FORGER

#### POSITION OF THE PEN

The cross-examination of Dr. Shellshear was continued by Mr. Eldon Potter in the Treasury case at the Supreme Court this morning.

Counsel suggested to the witness that in studying the handwriting the points he considered were entirely divorced from the surrounding circumstances of the case, and the witness agreed.

Witness also said in reply to counsel that he did not expect the Court to accept his evidence as an expert alone, without the surrounding circumstances.

After lengthy examination on technical points, Mr. Potter asked Dr. Shellshear if he could say why, if Tsang On-wing was in the fraud, and the signatures of Mr. Messer and Mr. Black were genuine, obtained by a trick, it was necessary to steal 60 cheques.

Dr. Shellshear replied that he could not.

**"Screaming for an Answer"**

Mr. Potter: That is a question which is screaming for an answer! His Lordship suggested that the 60 cheques might have been taken with a view to the possibility that a forger would not be successful with some of his attempts.

Mr. Potter agreed, but said that if, as was suggested by the defence, the signatures were obtained by a trick, there was no reason for stealing 60 cheques.

Dr. Shellshear agreed with a suggestion by Mr. Potter that the theft of the 60 cheques was consistent with the Government's case.

In the course of further examination, counsel sought to show that an expert forger, with the same apparatus at his disposal that Dr. Shellshear had, could so practise another person's signature that it became practically his own signature.

Dr. Shellshear held that that was impossible.

**Yeo's Signatures**

Mr. Potter instanced the three different handwritings used by Carvalho Yeo in connection with his three banking accounts, and asked how could a man go into a bank and give a specimen signature not in his natural handwriting and then go three months later and repeat that handwriting?

Dr. Shellshear replied that any man could write three different hands by changing the position of his pen, and with a little practice of writing in these different positions could produce those handwritings consistently similar.

Mr. Potter suggested that then it was an easy step for a forger to study another man's signature and make that his own.

**Brain vs. Hand**

Dr. Shellshear disagreed. He said that whereas in the instance of three different handwritings they were all the product of the same set of brains, an attempt to make another person's signature one's own was the fixing in one's brain of the product of another set of brains, and that, in the witness's opinion, was impossible.

**A Disclaimer**

Prof. Shellshear was subjected to a searching cross-examination yesterday.

Asked as to when he was retained by the Bank to give expert evidence on the case witness said he could not remember.

There would be no object in the bank seeking to enlist your aid unless some question of forgery either had arisen or might arise?—I suppose that must be the case.

Can you conceive of any other reason?—No.

You have told us in your evidence here, and it has been opened by Mr. Jenkin, that you were approached by Mr. King to act on behalf of the Government?—Yes.

You do not suppose that you were approached by Mr. King because he regarded you as an expert in handwriting?—

Witness hesitated, and in reply to other questions, he agreed that he had never claimed to be an expert in handwriting, and he had disclaimed such in cases in the Court.

Pointing out, he wished to get rid of the suggestion that the Government wanted to obtain witness's assistance as a handwriting expert.

Mr. Potter repeated his unanswered question, when witness replied "I understood that it was."

Although you had always ex-

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## TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

### The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/11 7/16.

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## CANADIAN WHEAT

### MILLIONS OF BUSHELS AWAITING BUYERS

#### PRICES DROPPING

Ottawa, Yesterday.

The grain congestion has reached enormous proportions. About 100 vessels are tied up in harbours awaiting export orders for over 20,000,000 bushels of wheat now in the terminal elevators of Montreal, Port Colborne, the entrance to the Welland Canal and Lake Erie terminal, while several millions more are in vessels' holds.

Prices of wheat at the Winnipeg Grain Exchange have fallen 11 cents a bushel this week.

Canada has now upwards of 80,000,000 bushels of wheat from last year's crop available for export.—Reuter's American Service.

[A telegram from London, dated May 8, stated that the newspapers give prominence to the fall in the price of wheat, especially from Canada, where there has been serious grain congestion owing to the lack of orders from Overseas.

The development is attributed, primarily, to attempts by Canadian and Australian wheat pools to hold up supplies and to Europe refusing to buy at their prices.

Meanwhile, a huge amount of Argentine grain has been landed at Liverpool at lower prices than has been asked for Canadian wheat.]

pressly disclaimed that qualification?—He wanted advice on this handwriting.

Yes, that is another matter. Up to this time you had given evidence in Court on other occasions?—Yes.

How was it you took it up?—I was asked if I would look at a cheque with handwriting to express an opinion.

Who asked you to do that?—Mr. Jenkin.

**The Start**

And that was the start of your career as an expert?—In actual handwriting yes, but not the neurology side as that is part of my profession.

Did he advise it might be a good thing if you took up the study of handwriting?—No, it was interesting to us at that time.

Did you take it up as a hobby or with the object of making it a part of your professional career?—In the first instance I took it up for its interest.

I think I am right in saying that in your career, while you have given evidence in other matters in these Courts on forged chops etc., you have not given evidence at the request of any counsel except Mr. Jenkin?—I think you were in a case with me.

I was in a case with Mr. Jenkin when you were not called when I had not the advantage of seeing you. Your evidence was quite properly withdrawn by you and Mr. Jenkin. Mr. Jenkin is the only counsel with whom you have been associated in these matters?—Yes.

In how many cases have you actually investigated alleged forged writings?—Four or five.

And that is all?—Yes.

Including this case?—Yes.

I gather from your evidence, correct me if I am wrong, that, granted sufficient data of genuine and disputed writing, you can detect any forgery?—You could detect any forgery.

That the detection of forgery has been brought to an exact science?—Yes, provided the material is sufficient.

Is it only in recent years that the detection of forgery has been reduced to this exact science or has it been done for years before?—I think it is not so very recent. Since the use of scientific apparatus and things like that.

We have had the microscope for many years?—Yes.

**Microscopic Aid**

And the microscope has been a factor in the examination of handwriting for many years?—Yes.

There is nothing novel about the microscope or pen pressure?—No.

It has gone on for generations, has it not?—I couldn't say that.

Well, how long have we had the microscope?—I am not sure of the date when it was discovered.

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## BRITISH VIEW OF CHINA

### PAST AND PRESENT

#### APPRECIABLE IMPROVEMENT ON THE YANGTZE

#### THE TWO "KWANGS"

London, Yesterday.

Mr. G. Locker Lampson, Foreign Under-Secretary, made a statement in the House of Commons regarding the present situation in China.

There has, he said, recently been an appreciable improvement in the situation in the middle Yangtze Valley, which is now entirely under the control of the National Government.

Three of the defeated Kwangsi Generals expressed their willingness to leave Hupeh if they were given a safe conduct under the British flag. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek formally requested that this should be done in order to hasten the termination of hostilities, and they have accordingly been conveyed to Shanghai in a British warship.

In Shantung General Chang Tsung-chang has been definitely beaten and has left the province.

**"The Christian General"**

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's forces have been withdrawn from Shantung into Honan, and the control of the former province has been given to a Nanking general.

Nanking troops are being transferred from the Tientsin area to North Honan.

Shanghai troops are being withdrawn to their own province from Peking and sent to reinforce the Shansi-Honan border.

All Marshal Feng's adherents have left Nanking where his quarters have been occupied by local troops.

On May 4 Kwangsi troops advanced into Kwangtung. The local authorities of Canton have sent gunboats to check the invasion.

**Britons Safe**

The reports received in London do not indicate any anxiety regarding the safety of British subjects. Except for one missionary who elected to remain, all British subjects have been safely evacuated from Changteh.—British Wireless Service.

## WHIST DRIVE

### ENJOYABLE EVENING AT THE POLICE CLUB

#### KEEN CONTESTS

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the Police Recreation Club at Happy Valley yesterday, when a Whist drive was held, attended by a large number of members and their lady friends.

The whist was played in the open air, and eighteen tables were occupied, resulting the games in some keen finishes.

Mrs. Merriman won the first prize for the ladies, with Mrs. Wood second and Mrs. Jones third.

Mr. Nichols won the first prize for gentlemen, and Mr. Field finished second with Mr. Smith third.

Commencing at 8.45 p.m. it is hoped that a similar drive will be held every Thursday in the open air (weather permitting of course).

## NILE WATERS

### "AN AGREEMENT SATISFACTORY TO ALL PARTIES"

#### PROMOTE PROSPERITY

London, Yesterday.

Mr. G. Locker Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said in the House of Commons that he was glad to be able to state that an agreement satisfactory to all parties concerned had been reached between the British Government and the Egyptian Government regarding the distribution of the Nile waters. It would be generally recognised that this could not fail to facilitate development and promote prosperity both in Egypt and Soudan.—British Wireless Service.

Miss Myrtle Needes, of Teddington, Middlesex, a crippled girl who had to use two sticks to walk to the platform, won the open mesosoprano competition at Bedford Musical Festival.

Six generals were pall-bearers at the funeral service of General Sir John Maxwell, at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, S.W.







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**THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING** of Voting Members will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hong Kong Club Annex, on **FRIDAY, 17th May, 1929, at 5.10 p.m.**

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th April, 1929.

**NOTICE.**

**AS** from This Date Mr. B. L. SETON-WINTON has severed his connection with our firm by mutual consent and his Powers of Attorney for the undersigned are duly revoked.

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The story is a delightful comedy of youth, in which a young lady, to escape home nagging, pretends to be married, runs off, goes through some startling and excruciatingly funny adventures, and in the end gets to be what she pretended to be. The picture contains a number of extremely amusing situations of which the utmost has been made by the principal players and the large supporting cast.

Andrey Ferris, Anders Randolph and Robert Agnew, all well known screen artists with several film successes to their credit, also have important parts to play.

**FREEMASONRY****FIRST YEAR OF THE ISMA  
LODGE**

Isma Lodge, No. 5009, a Lodge formed in connection with the Incorporated Sales Managers' Association, has just completed its first year's existence, under the master-ship of Sir Edward Manville, P.G.D. Practically the whole of the lodge furniture has been given by the founder members, and the lodge has qualified as a Hall Stone Lodge of the Masonic Peace Memorial. At this year's annual installation meeting in the Temple of the Cafe Royal a large gathering assembled to witness the Pro-Grand Master, Lord Amthill install Mr. John Ames (who acted as immediate past master last year) as master.

A presentation was made to Sir Edward Manville by the lodge, in recognition of his services as first master. He and Mr. John Ames received gifts from the seventeen initiates of the year.

**TURKISH MINISTER****RECEIVES OVATION IN  
ITALIAN PARLIAMENT**

Rome, April 29.  
The new Fascist Parliament elected Signor Giuriati president by 348 votes to two.

The Senate nominated Signor Frederzoni president by 166 votes to 33.

The Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs, Tewfik Rushdy Bey, who was present in the gallery, received an ovation.

In an interview Tewfik Rushdy Bey foreshadowed the conclusion of a commercial treaty between Turkey and Italy based on the most favoured nation principle—Trans-Ocean.

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**VOLUNTEER CORPS****ORDERS FOR THE COMING  
WEEK****BIRTHDAY PARADE**

The Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps' orders, issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commandant, include the following:—

**King's Birthday Parade**

All ranks of The Corps are reminded of the King's Birthday Parade which will take place on the Cricket Ground during the forenoon of June 3. His Excellency the G.O.C. has expressed his special wish for a full turn out of the Corps and the Commandant asks to keep the date free.

**Sergeants' Mess Meeting**

There will be a meeting of the Sergeants' Mess at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 16.

It is particularly requested that all members will attend as there are several important items on the agenda for discussion.

Command Order No. 6/4 dated 3.5.29 is repeated for information:—His Majesty the King's message to the Nation.

**Corps Band**

The Band will parade on Tuesday, at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters for Band Practice in mufti—a full attendance is necessary.

**Mounted Infantry Co.**

Thursday, May 16. All ranks will parade at Race Course at 5.30 p.m. for Mounted Drill. Dress: Mufti.

**Armoured Car Co.**

Car Section. Monday, May 13. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for passing of Machine

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Gun Standard Tests. Cards can be drawn at Corps Headquarters by those not in possession.

Motor Cycle Section. Monday, May 13. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

**Machine Gun Co.**

There will be no further Company Parade until further notice.

**Scottish Co.**

Weekly parades will be discontinued until further notice. All ranks are reminded that rifles and bayonets must be kept at Corps Headquarters or in the Armoury at Platoon Headquarters. No arms are to be kept by individuals at their homes.

Pipe Band. Weekly practices will take place at Corps Headquarters each Wednesday at 5.30 p.m. Pipe-Major Mackie will make arrangements to advise the members of the Band of any change in this order.

**Portuguese Co.**

N.C.O.'s Class. All N.C.O.'s are expected to take advantage of the Classes to be held at Corps Headquarters during the Summer Months, on the first and third Fridays in each month.

The next Class will be held at Corps Headquarters on Friday, May 17, at 5.30 p.m. for Lewis Gun Instruction and training.

**Strength**

The following recruit has been taken on the strength and posted as under:

No. 1475 Bandman R.A. Crestejo, Corps Band, as from 3.5.29.

**Transfers**

2/Lieut. A. C. Groves to the Reserve of Officers, as from 31.3.29.  
No. 1062 Pte. H. Birkett from M. I. Coy. to the Reserve Company, as from 10.5.29.

**Reversions**

The following are permitted to revert to the ranks at their own request, as from 10.5.29.

No. 1179 L/Cpl. L. Gardner, No. 9 Platoon.  
No. 1129 L/Cpl. E. A. Noronha, No. 11 Platoon.

**Leave**

Lieut. C. Peake Anderson, M. C. Battery from 15.5.29 to 15.12.29.  
No. 787 Sergt. E. D. Labrousse, Car Section, from 1.8.29 to 31.12.29.

No. 545 Spr. W. L. Walker, Engineer Company, from 23.11.28 to 22.12.29.

**Marksmen**

The undermentioned have qualified as marksmen for Training Season 1929-1930 and are entitled to wear the badge for one year:

No. 728 Corp. A. W. W. Salter, Engineer Company 100 Points.  
No. 1800 Pte. R. J. D. C. Grievé, M. I. Coy. 94 Points.

No. 462 Sergt. C. B. Easterbrook, Corps Signals, 92 Points.

Struck off the Strength  
Having left the Colony:  
No. 1057 L/Cpl. T. W. Southam, Car Section, as from 31.3.29.

No. 976 Pte. J. H. Sutcliffe, Car Section, as from 31.3.29.

No. 1044 Pte. E. T. S. Zimmern, Car Section, as from 31.10.28.

No. 1039 Pte. S. M. Garrard, Machine Gun Coy., as from 24.2.29.

No. 1106 Pte. H. E. Orr, Machine Gun Coy., as from 31.12.28.

No. 1811 Pte. W. F. Leekie, No. 7 Platoon, as from 25.4.29.

No. 1236 Bandman J. A. Souza, Corps Band, as from 15.2.29.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, Major, Adjutant, H. K. V. D. Corps.

**Notices**

Smoking Concert and Dinner—tonight.

The Annual Corps Smoking Concert and distribution of Corps Trophies and Musket prizes will take place at Volunteer Headquarters tonight.

Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., has kindly consented to present the prizes.

Tickets for the dinner will only cost \$1 to include drinks.

Tickets can be obtained at the Officers' Mess, the Sergeants' Mess, the Canteen. The boys of these Institutions have instructions to accept cash only. O. C. Units will arrange for tickets for unit guests.

Time 8 p.m.  
Dress: Uniform optional but all prize winners are requested to attend in uniform. Forage cap, khaki jacket, medal ribbons, belt and slacks. Scottish as ordered.

The Machine Gun Company Rifle Club will hold their next meeting at the Peak Range on Sunday, May 19, at 9.30 a.m. to compete for the Company Commander's Cup.

**JAPANESE NEWS****GROWTH OF THE  
CINEMA**

Tokyo, April 29.  
In consideration of the steadily growing popularity of motion pictures in Japan, more especially in the Kansai district, three theatrical groups in Osaka are planning to establish as many palatial theatres almost exclusively for staging cinema films in Osaka.

Civil Service Law Revision  
In the presence of His Majesty the Emperor, the Privy Council that met in its plenary session in the east chamber of the Imperial Palace, Tokyo, unanimously approved the draft revision of the law governing the Higher Civil Service Examination, submitted by the Government.

New Hospital in Osaka  
Physicians and nurses will in future be able to know temperatures and change of conditions of the patients under their care, just sitting in their own rooms, without directly attending to them, by means of electric devices installed in the newly completed southern portion of the Osaka Red Cross Hospital.

Death of Viscount Mizuno  
The death is announced of Viscount Mizuno, a member of the House of Peers—Nanyo Nichi-Nichi.

Countess Powis while motoring to London came into collision with another car at Towcester (Northants) and although not injured she died subsequently from shock.

Countess Powis was the wife of Viscount Powis, Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire. Before marriage she was the Hon. Viola Ida Evelyn Lane Fox.—"Singapore Free Press."

**COUNTRESS DIES**  
**SAD SEQUEL TO MOTOR  
ACCIDENT**

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**FILM PERIL**  
**PRIME MINISTER'S WARNING  
TO WOMEN**

London, April 30.  
Mr. Baldwin speaking to the International Council of Women urged on them to sound public opinion on the question of films, many of which at large in the world, the Premier said, were a gross travesty and a peril to western civilisation.—"Singapore Free Press."

**OPERA LEAGUE**  
London, April 30.

Sir Thomas Beecham has organised for the Leaguers Mutual Subscription Fund Derby 10s. tickets in aid of the Imperial League of Opera.—"Singapore Free Press."

**SUN'S ECLIPSE****SUCCESSFUL PHOTOS IN  
THE PHILIPPINES****ASTRONOMERS BUSY**

Iloilo, Yesterday.

The eclipse observations here were highly successful, and weather conditions excellent, with only very faint cirrus clouds near the sun.

The United States Naval Observatory, the British Expedition, and the Manila Observatory executed their scheduled programmes.

The British Professors Waterfield and Lloyd, obtained seventeen valuable photographs, and the United States naval staff obtained thirteen variable exposure plates, with a 65ft. camera, and 46 others with a two Polar axis and celeostat. Two aeroplanes also obtained photographs and observations from 5,000 to 10,000 feet.

**DON'T WASTE  
WATER!**

The Manila Observatory made several actinometric measurements.

A beautiful corona of the maximum sunspot type, also planets and stars were visible. Keen interest was generally evidenced.

In Malaya

Alor Star, Kedah, Yesterday. Although the Greenwich Observatory's eclipse observation party here were apparently slightly more successful than the Pattani party, little useful result is expected owing to most cloudy conditions.

**Disappointment in Siam**

Singapore, Yesterday. The sultry atmosphere when the eclipse of the sun commenced at 12.05 p.m. was followed by a refreshing coolness as the phenomenon reached its maximum at 1.40. The Pattani observation party on the Siamese side of the "shadow line" were disappointed, as the sun was veiled by clouds during the period of the eclipse.—Reuters.

**ASTRONOMERS IN THE  
PHILIPPINES**

Manila, May 8.

The greatest group of astronomers ever to go to the Philippines are in the central islands of the archipelago to observe the total eclipse of the sun on May 9. Two groups of scientists from the United States, one from Germany and one from the Manila Observatory, have established stations from which to view the phenomenon.

The three groups from abroad went half way around the world, taking with them tons of instruments at a cost of thousands of dollars, on a 50-50 chance that the sky will be clear when the eclipse occurs.

They were informed by the local weather bureau that the eclipse would take place at the beginning of the rainy season, and that there was but half a chance that clear weather would prevail. But of so great importance do they consider this chance to study the sun's corona, which may be seen only during a total eclipse, that they chose to gamble with the weather. Of course, if the sky is cloudy, the extensive preparations which they have made will have been for naught.

**Mystery of Corona**

The corona which the scientists are to study is that little-known body which surrounds the sun. Although it is present at all times, it cannot be seen because of the sun's brightness, but when the sun is obscured by the moon it blossoms forth like a brilliant tropical flower. It is probably in the main composed of finely divided matter shot out by the sun, and acted upon by electromagnetic forces. That it is not a solid substance is proved by the unresisted passage of comets through the space occupied by its luminous sheafs. It varies in shape with the progress of the sunspot period.

Scientists are intensely interested in the corona because they feel that a further study of it might reveal the secrets of the atom and the ultimate structure of the universe. They want to know its chemical composition, its origin, its relation to sun spots and other solar phenomena, its size and other things with which it changes shape. They want to know what coronium, that mysterious gas found only in the sun's coronum, consists of—with the hope that acquisition of this secret will reveal



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KAMO MARU (Calls Lisbon)	Saturday, 1st June.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	Wednesday, 22nd May.
KAGA MARU	Wednesday, 22nd May.
TANGO MARU	Wednesday, 20th June.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	Sunday, 12th May.
TAMBA MARU	Sunday, 12th May.
PEANG MARU	Tuesday, 28th May.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	Thursday, 30th May.
GINYO MARU	Thursday, 30th May.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.	Friday, 7th June.
WAKASA MARU	Friday, 7th June.
NEW YORK via PANAMA.	Sunday, 12th May.
TSUYAMA MARU (Calls Boston)	Sunday, 12th May.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Geneva, Marseilles.	Tuesday, 21st May.
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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Wednesday, 15th May.
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SANTOS MARU	Friday, 17th May.
MANILA MARU	Thursday, 23rd June.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.	Tuesday, 21st May.
GANGES MARU	Tuesday, 21st May.
SHINOH MARU	Monday, 20th May.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.	Friday, 31st May.
CHICAGO MARU	Friday, 31st May.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Saturday, 18th May.
KASADO MARU	Wednesday, 22nd May.
SUMATRA MARU	Wednesday, 22nd May.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TOBAGO & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports.	Tuesday, 21st May.
AFRICA MARU (From Shanghai)	Tuesday, 21st May.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Thursday, 6th June.
MADRAS MARU	Thursday, 6th June.
HAIPHONG—Via Hoihow & Pakhoi.	Thursday, 6th June 10 a.m.
MENADO MARU	Thursday, 6th June 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	Wednesday, 15th May.
HAIGUE MARU	Wednesday, 15th May.
JAPAN PORTS.	Wednesday, 15th May.
ALTAI MARU	Monday, 20th May.
SANUKI MARU	Monday, 20th May.
TACOMA MARU	Friday, 24th May.
DELING—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	Sunday, 12th May 3 p.m.
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 12th May 3 p.m.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	Thursday, 16th May noon.
DELTA MARU	Thursday, 16th May noon.
TAKAO & KEELUNG	Wednesday, 22nd May.
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## SHIPPING SECTION.

### TOTAL LOSS

JAPANESE COLLIER STRIKES  
REEF  
FIFTY ABOARD

Tokyo, Yesterday.  
The Navy chartered collier "Tamon Maru" struck a coral reef near Truk Island in the Caroline Group on Tuesday afternoon, and is believed to be a total loss.  
A telegram to the Navy Department says that strong tides and many reefs on the scene of the wreck will make rescue of the crew most difficult.  
Their fate is not yet known. It is believed that there were at least fifty persons on board.—Reuter.

### MISSING JUNK

NO TRACE OF CRAFT OR CREW

Mystery surrounds the non-appearance of a cargo junk, fully loaded with coal at Castle Peak.  
A report was made to the Police to the effect that at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, cargo junk No. T-5708-H was engaged by a Chinese firm dealing in coal at 52, Connaught-road, Central, to transport 50 tons of coal from a coaling depot at Wanchai to Castle Peak.  
The junk is known to have loaded and also to have left Wanchai, but further than that nothing is known of her whereabouts at about 5.30 p.m.  
The master of the junk is Kwok Tai, 60 years of age.  
The report of the affair was made to the police by Tsoi Yin-po, a salesman, of 52, Connaught-road, Central.

### OIL FUEL CARRIAGE

MEASURE TO SHIP'S SAFETY

The meritorious services rendered by the master, officers and crew of the Japanese steamer "Yogen Maru" in proceeding in heavy weather 160 miles to the assistance of the British steamer "Chief Maquilla," of Hong Kong, and standing by from 8.10 a.m. on November 30, until 10.30 a.m. on December 2, and rescuing the crew, are referred to in the report of the Naval Court held at Yokohama in December, last year, and issued recently by the Board of Trade in London.

The "Chief Maquilla," a twin-screw steamer of 6,910 registered tons, sailed from Kildonan, British Columbia, about November 19, 1928, with 5,525 tons of wheat, 315 tons of fish, and 2,724,138 ft. of timber in her holds and 474,773 ft. of timber and 122,500 ft. of timber piling stowed on deck. There was a crew of 75 hands, and no passengers.  
The master having decided to abandon the ship at 7 p.m., the crew were transferred, partly in the ship's boats and partly in the boats of the "Yogen Maru," the transfer being completed by 11 p.m., and the master being the last to leave the ship.  
The master appears to have navigated his ship in a seamanlike and proper manner up to the time of the entry of the water into the engine-room," state the court, "but the court considers that he should have taken immediate steps to trace the cause of the entry of the water, and that he failed to realise soon enough the gravity of the situation, but that otherwise he did all possible in the circumstances."

"She had a deck cargo of timber which contributed to the increase of the list and added to the difficulty of handling the vessel in the heavy weather which she encountered, and the court desires especially to direct the attention of the Board of Trade to the undesirability of permitting heavy and dangerous deck cargo to be carried.  
"The court deprecates the carrying of oil fuel in the deep tank for the ship's consumption during the voyage, as the drawing off of oil for daily consumption leaves many tons of slack tank, constituting a serious menace to the safety of the ship."

The rescuers took the crew to Yokohama, the voyage occupying 15 days, and entailing the rationing of all hands on board.

### WAR STORY

A VALUED BRITISH MERCANTILE SKIPPER

THREAT THAT SUCCEEDED

A fine war story has been revealed as the sequel to a speech by the Earl of Halsbury, who said that, when he was a squadron commander of the Royal Air Force, in 1916, he was ordered by the Admiralty to bomb the nearest German town, sparing neither men, women, nor children if the Germans shot a certain merchant ship. The "Sunday Express" has disclosed that the captain was James Blaikie, master of the Anchor liner "Caledonia," who would have shared the fate of Captain Fryatt, but for the threat of drastic reprisals.  
The "Caledonia" was a transport, and was making a voyage to Marseilles. When it was 120 miles out from Malta it was torpedoed at short range. Blaikie, from the bridge, glimpsed the periscope, and tried to ram the submarine. The crippled ship, did not answer to the helm swiftly, but it managed to stove in 130 ft. of the submarine's plating and knock out the periscope and wireless gear. The "Caledonia" sank slowly, stern first. There was plenty of time to save the lives of all on board. There were 10 fully loaded boats bobbing on the choppy sea. One contained a general, among the crew and firemen.  
The general asked for a change of boat, and the staff captain made the same request. Both were transferred to Blaikie's boat. Blaikie does not remember the names of the two, but he does recollect a "wee fellow among them." (Mr. Amery, now Secretary of State for the Dominions, was then on active service. He has stated that he escaped capture by hiding under the stern sheets of a lifeboat, as the boat was covering him with their legs.) Suddenly the submarine appeared, and Commander Swetz, agitatedly waving a revolver, called: "Where is the captain?"  
A Prisoner in Germany.  
Blaikie, relating the story, says: "I was still in uniform, and I called out: 'Here I am. You had better let me have that gun in case you shoot somebody?' He ordered me aboard, also the general and staff captain, who probably would have face again, but he bore no grudge. We talked for hours about the war. The only man who disliked me was the second-in-command, a typical Prussian, who wanted to put me on deck, and then dive and leave me in the sea."  
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### DON'T WASTE WATER!

One contemplates the general among the crew and firemen.  
The general asked for a change of boat, and the staff captain made the same request. Both were transferred to Blaikie's boat. Blaikie does not remember the names of the two, but he does recollect a "wee fellow among them." (Mr. Amery, now Secretary of State for the Dominions, was then on active service. He has stated that he escaped capture by hiding under the stern sheets of a lifeboat, as the boat was covering him with their legs.) Suddenly the submarine appeared, and Commander Swetz, agitatedly waving a revolver, called: "Where is the captain?"  
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### C.P.R. ENTERPRISE

Following all that was said at the Naval Architect's meeting upon the "stroke of genius" by Mr. John Johnson, in fitting a new steam engine combination into the C.P.R. liners, comes further interesting comment in the annual report of the company. The report dwells on the fact that the double reduction gear, installed in the engines built in 1921 and 1922, has been costly to maintain, and a source of anxiety to officers. It was, therefore, decided to re-engine the "Empress of Canada," the "Montcalm," and the "Montclare" with improved single reduction gear of turbine machinery. The vessels will have more power, and there will be a big economy in fuel consumption.

### CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Banvorlich" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after May 13.  
Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Benlomond" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after May 13.  
Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Benruchan" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after May 13.  
Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Captain Roko" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after May 14.

### MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia," Capt. A. J. Halley, R.N.R., will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama, at 8 a.m. on May 18 (Wednesday).  
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia," Capt. A. J. Halley, R.N.R., will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama, at 8 p.m. on May 18, and is due at Vancouver on May 18.

### CARGO SHIPS

A FAR EAST MOTOR SHIP SERVICE  
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For some years past the Hamburg-Amerika Line have, in part, operated their Far Eastern service with motor ships.  
The first vessel, the "Havelland," was constructed in 1921. This was followed by the "Ermland" and "Rheinland" (lost in 1922), the "Munsterland" (1922), "Vogtland" (1924) and "Friesland" (1925), also a second "Rheinland" (1927).  
They are all ships of between 9,600 and 10,400 tons deadweight, and except for the "Friesland," which has a service speed of 12½ knots, and the last "Rheinland" (of 13½ knots), all are 12-knot ships.  
Under the ownership's new building programme, which was decided about a couple of years ago, five new motor ships were ordered for the Far Eastern trade, namely, the "Levekusen," "Duisburg" and "Kulmerland," to be equipped with A.E.G.-Hesselman airless-injection double-acting engines.

### MARINE ENGINES

BRITISH INDUSTRY MAKING PROGRESS

It is estimated that the exportation of marine engines increased considerably during the year past, but even the estimated total is but half the 1913 figure. The ascendancy, he it temporary or not, of the Diesel engine is bound to have some influence in this sphere, because, although British manufacturers have developed, and roughly adopted this type of propulsion, they are alone, and are not so supreme as they were and still are in the production of steam turbines and reciprocating engines. We have the authority of Lloyd's Register of Shipping for stating that internal-combustion vessels fitted with internal-combustion engines is steadily increasing in comparison with the total output, and that "while the average gross tonnage of the steamers of 500 tons gross and upwards launched during 1928 is 4,112 tons, the corresponding figure for motorships reaches 6,732 tons." As against this, however, is to be set the fact that the steam turbine made further progress last year and the four latest vessels launched during the year, the means of propulsion. It is too early, and it is not within the ambit of this review, to hazard a forecast as to the future of the Diesel engine, but so long as it is fashionable it must be expected that countries who may have purchased our steam engines will continue to produce their own internal-combustion engines.  
If iron and steel production is safeguarded it may have serious reactions on the shipbuilding and marine engine industries of this country. It is contended in some quarters that shipbuilding could not have made its partial revival had it not been for the importation of cheap "Continental" steel. Perhaps one cannot say that this contention cannot very well arise this year, and so it may be safely left over to a later review. Surveying all the considerations which have been taken into account, the conclusion emerges that marine engineers cannot yet foresee a period of prosperity comparable with pre-war days. Such a prospect seems far distant, particularly when it is being performed on an unremunerative basis. On the other hand, looked at from the depth of depression to which this industry has become accustomed, there is light on the horizon, and although the results of the year 1929 can hardly be expected to be better than those of 1928, there is a strong likelihood that the opening of 1930 will be more promising.—"Engineering."

### AUSTRALIA'S OVERSEAS TRANSPORT

Sydney.—Mr. Stanley Bruce, the Prime Minister, in his opening speech at the Overseas Shipping Conference, said the purpose of the conference was to evolve plans to improve the whole of Australia's overseas transport, but not for the consideration of any specific freight charges between Australia and England. He trusted that the opportunity would be taken to give the general public the fullest information as to the position and the problem which had to be faced.

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EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 10	July 13	July 16	July 18	July 27
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 21	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 29	Sept. 8
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Sept. 4	Sept. 7	Sept. 10	Sept. 12	Sept. 21
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EMPERESS OF ASIA	Oct. 30	Nov. 2	Nov. 5	Nov. 7	Nov. 16
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Nov. 13	Nov. 16	Nov. 19	Nov. 21	Nov. 30
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The "Baradine" is now on the London loading berth ready for her voyage to Australia beginning on April 12, when she will carry his Majesty's mails. It is stated that the alterations which have been effected will enable the company to reduce still further the duration of the passage from England to Australia by their Branch service steamers via Suez. This service will be maintained by the "Baradine" and her four sister-ships, "Balranald," "Ballarat," "Bendigo," and "Barratool," says the "Journal of Commerce" to hand.

### IMPROVING NIAGARA FALLS

An agreement has just been signed between the United States and Canadian Governments to ensure the beauty of Niagara, particularly the Horseshoe or Canadian Falls. The water has gradually worn away the rock, so that the centre of the Canadian Falls has for many years been receding at the rate of between two and three feet a year. This has diverted the water from the edge of the falls, but the agreement just made provides for making a few unobtrusive weirs that will direct the water towards the edges, and thus restore the full impressiveness of the spectacle presented by the falls.

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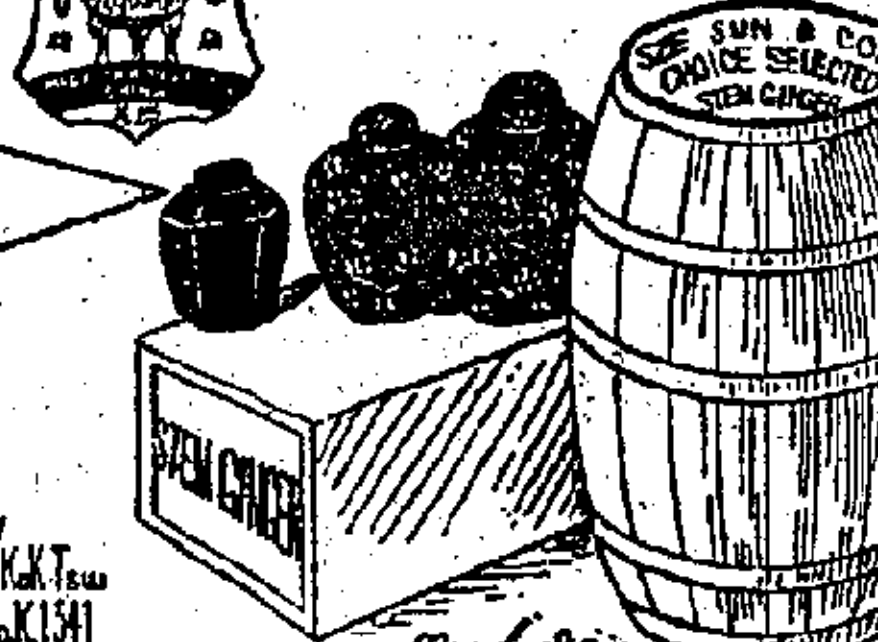
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**MARRIAGE**

DE ZILVA — DE ZILVA. — At Wesleyan Chapel, Kingsway Hall, London, on April 10, 1929, by the Rev. Ira Goldhawk, Daniel Oswald Oliver de Zilva, of 42, St. Petersburg Place, London, late of Borden View, London Road, Milton Regis, to Rose Evelyn de Zilva, of 13, Pervin Road, Cosham, Hants.

Hong Kong, Friday, May 10, 1929.

**REPARATIONS PROBLEM**

The Experts' Committee in Paris, though they have now been discussing the reparations problem for quite a while, seem to be as far off as ever they were from reaching a settlement—not an "amicable settlement," for such is plainly impossible in a matter of the kind. The necessity for the Committee meeting at all was, it will be recalled, simply because the German Government continued to harp on their favourite theme that they found it impossible, in their present financial position, to pay under the Dawes plan, as they had promised to pay—and as indeed they had been paying and still continue to pay. Though the settlement the experts may reach—if they are able to reach any,—and which now seems doubtful, is unlikely to lead to increased friendliness on the part of the Germans, it can be truly said, we believe, that so far as the British Government was and is concerned their motive in participating in this Paris attempt at readjustment was actuated entirely by friendliness. The British are by no means a vindictive people, and among all the Allies they are probably the most keenly eager to have the War and all its horrors forgot-

There the matter rests, with the result that the deadlock that was sought to be avoided may possibly come about after all. There is an unconfirmed report that the British Government may be disposed to agree to a compromise, but any "compromise" that does not effectually remove such a one-sided arrangement, such as Mr. Young has had the temerity to propose, will certainly be very unpopular at Home.

It is no part of the Experts' Committee's work—and certainly no part of the Chairman's duties—to make or agree to such a drastic step as would be the rescinding of what was done at the Spa Conference.

A telegram to hand from London refers to Mr. Churchill's views on the matter, and as he is Chancellor of the Exchequer and, therefore, the spokesman of the Government on such a question, what he says is conclusive so far as Great Britain is concerned. Mr. Churchill states that "the kind of proposals foreshadowed in the newspapers will be unacceptable and His Majesty's Government will in no circumstances entertain them." The cheers that followed this statement in the House of Commons will evoke a similar outburst throughout the British Empire.

Everything vibrates; everything is eternally busy. Nothing is still, nothing dead. Science assures us that the whole world is a mass of vibrating particles. The properties exhibited by waves depend upon their length. The longest waves are called Hertzian or wireless waves. The next shortest are heat waves; the next, infra-red waves, and from this point they develop into visible red light with a frequency of vibration in the neighbourhood of two billion per second. As the waves become shorter and shorter the sensations of orange, yellow, green, blue, etc., are produced until the zone of the invisible is approached. Beyond this point our senses fail us. But a small part of the invisible spectrum has been discovered. What the future holds for those working in this promising field of investigation no one knows. — Everybody Engineering.

**DON'T WASTE WATER!**

One case of small pox was notified yesterday.

Money and jewellery to the value of about \$544 have been stolen from No. 427, Shanghai-street, Yaumati.

The theft of a Corona typewriter from the offices of the N.Y.K. in King's Building, has been reported to the police.

Lady Shou-sun Chow will perform the inauguration ceremony of the new pavilion at King's Park of the South China Athletic Association on Sunday afternoon.

Suffering from scald injuries on the body a Chinese named Mak Hol, (32), of 352 Des Voeux-road, West was yesterday admitted to the Government Civil Hospital in a serious condition.

A coolie was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital from his home at No. 76, Third Street, on Wednesday suffering from the effects of an over-dose of opium which he took in an attempt to commit suicide.

Following an accident on the Pokfulam-road near the Dairy Farm yesterday, four Chinese coolies were admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries received when a hand cart collided with a public motor vehicle.

Warning her against a recurrence of the offence the Acting First Magistrate, Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning discharged a Chinese girl who appeared before him on a charge of larceny of a quantity of cane used in the manufacture of cane chairs. She had been employed by a female relative who made cane chairs, and according to the Police, she had apparently been in league with another in the same shop (in West Point) and had attempted to get away with some cane.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir,—I presume your correspondent, "S.W.P.," is a Chinese like myself. His letter in your valued paper yesterday is another masterpiece—a prototype of the letter so ably written by Mr. Chen to the Press last week, which your contributor, "C.L.C.," so rightly commented upon.

"S.W.P." said that the subject of "racial discrimination" is controversial. It is, if tackled from another angle, but what "C.L.C." wrote was educative. It is about time that we Chinese should begin to see things from a different light—time to cast off those perverted views instilled into us by the agents of Borodin and by a large majority of the young generation with their highfalutin ideas.

As a Chinese resident of Hong Kong for 30 years, I find there is no racial discrimination if one knows how to conduct oneself. It is, after all, said and done, the figment of imagination of a man with perverted views in life. Forget that there is such a discrimination and mingle with the Europeans as with one's countrymen, and "S.W.P." will soon change his feelings.

Your correspondent complains of the so-called "caustic" remarks of "C.L.C." Has he forgotten or is he ignorant of what has happened? Does he not know that many of China's woes could be rightly laid at the door of the students. Verb. Sap!

I can only hope that all those of my countrymen, particularly the young men, who read "C.L.C.'s" comment will see the lesson therein contained—don't make a fool of yourself. Act the gentleman always and you will be treated as such.

Yours, etc.,  
FROM THE OLD SCHOOL.  
Hong Kong, May 10.

## A WOMAN BITES

### PECULIAR CASE IN KOWLOON COURT

#### A SANE PERSON?

A Chinese woman who had been a source of annoyance to the officials of the Kowloon Magistracy and who had been sent to the Lunatic Asylum once, was yesterday charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith with biting and assaulting the Court usher, Mr. Yeung Wai-tong.

Accused, a garrulous woman, said that she acted only in self-defence. The complainant owed her \$60 and when she asked for payment, he struck her.

The Magistrate, interposed, saying that he was an eye-witness to the affair, although he did not know how it started; and from what he had seen, he thought the woman was the aggressor.

Inspector Fallon said that he had investigated the allegation made by the accused and found that there was no truth in it.

Accused told his Worship that during the strike in 1925, she did not "strike."

The Magistrate said that if she did not strike at that time, it did not mean that she was entitled to strike somebody now.

He fined the woman \$10; and ordered her to sign a bond of \$50 to be of good behaviour for six months.

## BOY KIDNAPPED

### ENTICED FROM HIS HOME IN KOWLOON

#### JAIL AND THE BIRCH

On charges of kidnapping and harbouring a child twelve years of age, two men and a woman appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

The child was enticed away from his home in Reclamation-street in August last. Sergeant McKay, attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, said that the boy had been taken by first accused on the pretence of finding him a job in Kowloon City. He was taken to second accused's house. From there he went to the country where he was sold by third accused (the woman) for \$120. The mother went to the country and recovered her child.

Sentences of a year's imprisonment each were imposed on all the accused, and, in addition, the men were ordered to receive 12 strokes of the birch.

Hoggs: "I hear your wife was driving the car and had an accident. Much damage done?"  
Higgs: "No; just a little paint off both."

## SAILORS' HOME

### CONCERT TO-MORROW IN AID OF FUNDS

#### GREAT TREAT PROMISED

A thoroughly enjoyable evening's entertainment is in store for those who have been fortunate enough to secure tickets for the concert which is to be given in the Assembly Hall of the Sailors and Soldiers' Home by the principal artistes of the Colony to-morrow at 9 p.m., in aid of the funds of the Home.

The concert is under the distinguished patronage of the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern and Mrs. Southern, who have taken a keen interest in the Home. Mr. Southern having laid the principal foundation stone of the building in November, 1927. General Sandilands and Commodore Hill have also promised to be present.

The cordiality with which the artistes have tendered their services reflects not only their personal generosity, which is much appreciated by the Committee, but the willingness of the Public of Hong Kong to support anything which is done for the welfare of Service men.

#### Popularity of Home

The popularity of the Home and the fact that it is ministering to the tastes and needs of a large and growing class of men who prefer a "dry" institution to a "wet" one are in part indicated by the fact that nearly 7,000 men have slept in the Home since its opening three months ago, and 1,928 have enjoyed hot baths.

Many other figures could be given showing appreciation of the various amenities of the institution, including those of the smart up-to-date Restaurant, with its excellent and varied menu. It is interesting to find that 27,000 fresh eggs have been consumed, an average of about 300 a day, served up in a variety of appetising forms and accompanied by an equal variety of attractively presented eatables of other kinds, the cooking of the Home being of exceptional quality and carried on under almost perfect sanitary conditions.

Apart from their patronage of the Home, Service men have frequently expressed their gratitude to its promoters and backed such expressions by voluntary contributions in money and gifts towards the further equipment of the Home.

#### Building Fund

The Building Fund is still incomplete, but, apart from that, it must be evident to anyone visiting the Home that an institution run on such first class lines, and working without the profits which are made by a "wet" bar, cannot possibly be a commercially paying concern with the low scale of prices which are charged. It is not intended to be. It exists to serve Service men, not to make money out of them, and it is hoped that many annual subscriptions will be forthcoming in order that the high state of efficiency may be maintained for the benefit of the men to whom we owe so much and for the honour of the Colony.

#### The Programme

The following is the programme for to-morrow night:

- Selections from "The Gondoliers" (a) "For the merriest fellows are we" ..... Mr. Parker and Chorus.  
(b) "When a merry maiden marries" ..... Mr. Tinson and Chorus.  
(c) "A regular Royal Queen" ..... The Chorus.  
Mrs. Tinson, Mrs. Davenport Brown, Mrs. Bellamy, Miss Hancock, Mr. Ammiss, Mr. Brock, Mr. Green, Mr. Griggs, Mr. Parker.
  - The Fairies from the Moon ..... Mrs. Womack and Misses P. Gittins, R. Wong, H. Ho, M. Glendinning.
  - Songs ..... Mrs. Bellamy.  
4. Songs ..... Mr. Brock and Chorus.  
5. Humourist ..... Mr. Barnett.  
6. The Jockey Dance ..... Miss P. Gittins, R. Wong, H. Ho, M. Glendinning.
- Interval
- "On a January Morning in Somersetshire" from "Tom Jones" ..... Mrs. Bellamy, Mr. Brock and Chorus.  
"The Yeomen of England" from "Merrie England" ..... Mr. Green and Chorus.
  - Songs from her repertoire ..... Miss Woods.
  - Two scenes from "Carmen" (a) "The Canezone Bohemian" (Act II.) ..... Frascutta Mrs. Davenport Brown, Mercedes ..... Mrs. Bellamy, Zaniga ..... Mrs. Womack, Morales ..... Mr. Parker, Gipsy Dancing Girl ..... Miss Rachel Wong.
  - Gipsy Boy ..... Miss Phyllis Gittins.  
(b) "Tosca" (Act III.) ..... Frascutta, Mercedes and Carmen.
- Accompanists: Mrs. Griggs, Mrs. Woods and Mr. Mason.  
God Save the King.

"Terry's buying a car on the instalment system."

"Yes, and if he doesn't drive more carefully they'll take him to hospital on the same plan."



## CHINESE AIRMAN

LATEST NEWS OF FLIGHT  
FROM LONDON

## LAST STAGES REACHED

Information has been received by the "China Mail" from the Far Eastern Aviation Company of which Mr. R. Vaughan Fowles is the local manager, that Capt. Wen Lin-chen, the Chinese aviator, flying an Avro Avian light aeroplane from London to China, arrived at Vinh on Wednesday morning and the same day left for Hanoi, a distance of 150 miles, reaching there later in the day.

The Capt. Wen intended to leave Hanoi yesterday for Pakhoi, proceeding then to Canton, Amoy, Shanghai, and Nanking.

**British Machine**

The flight has been undertaken on a British machine, an Avro Avian, fitted with a Cirrus engine, for which the Far East Aviation Company are sole agents for the whole of China, including Hong Kong. Capt. Wen's noteworthy performance is a tribute to the machine and to the pilot. The Avro Avian is renowned throughout the world for its safety, ease of maintenance, comfort, finish and equipment.

## THE "SHEPHERD"

DEATH OF MAN OF STRANGE  
NOTORIETY

## HALF A CENTURY IN PRISON

David Davies, the famous "Dartmoor Shepherd," was found dead on the road recently by two young men at Llanfachesin, Montgomeryshire. It appears that while the Llanfyllin Workhouse Master was ill in bed, Davies, who was an inmate, made his escape from that institution, and walked in his slippers to the place where he was found dead, two miles from the workhouse. At the inquest a verdict of death from heart failure was returned.

David Davies, who was said to be eighty years of age and earned his nickname of the "Dartmoor Shepherd" from being put in charge of the sheep at Dartmoor, served more than half a century in prison, and each release was speedily followed by his arrest on a new charge. In the course of his long record there will be found many escapades similar to that during which he met his death—escape from a workhouse.

**A Household Word**

Davies's name became a household word when the severity of his sentences became known, and attention was drawn to his case by Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at Mile End on November 21, 1910. "My friend the Home Secretary, Mr. Churchill, and I," said Mr. Lloyd George, "the other day paid a visit to Dartmoor. On that bleak, mist-saddened upland I saw an old man of 65 in convict's garb. He had been sentenced to thirteen years' penal servitude because, under the influence of drink, he had broken into a church poor-box and stolen two shillings."

Mr. Churchill had already said that the case had occupied his attention for six months.

Both Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Churchill were subsequently corrected by the Deputy Chairman of the Shropshire Quarter Sessions, at which the sentence was passed. The Deputy Chairman pointed out that the sentence was of three years' penal servitude and ten years' preventive detention, not for the theft alone, but because of a long list of previous convictions. The sentence was imposed under the new Prevention of Crime Act.

**Mr. Churchill Explains**

Davies was released on January 6, 1911, and sent to a job at Wrexham, on condition that he held it for six months, and did not leave without the permission of the authorities. By January 10 he had left, and the police were again searching for him. On the 13th Mr. Churchill had to admit in the House that they had not yet found him; while the country laughed quietly at the joke against Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Churchill.

Mr. Churchill later explained why he had caused Davies to be released from Dartmoor, and spoke of "the grotesque contrast between thirteen years of prison on the one hand, and the theft of two shillings on the other."

"I learned further," he stated, "that the convict in question was known in prison circles as 'the Dartmoor Shepherd,' that he enjoyed a melancholy celebrity for the prodigious sentences he had endured, for his good behaviour and docility in prison, and for his unusual gift of calling individual sheep by name. His record of previous convictions—a record certainly not less terrible for its punishments than for its crimes—was placed before me."

A table of convictions showed that between 1870 and 1908 there were nine sentences, including fifteen years' penal servitude for

## PASSPORTS

JUST COMPLAINT FROM  
SCOTLAND

## SOCIETIES' ACTION

The lack of facilities for obtaining passports in Scotland has caused the St. Andrew's Societies of Edinburgh and Glasgow to address a joint letter to the Lord Provost of Edinburgh. This calls for a restoration of the ancient right of the Lord Provost of Edinburgh to issue passports—suspended by the Foreign Office during the War.

An official of the Passport Office, discussing the matter with a "Morning Post" representative, remarked that the signatories of the letter could not be aware of the difficulties in the way of returning this privilege to the Lord Provost. Since the war, he added, conditions abroad had changed to such an extent that it was most undesirable that there should be two forms of passport issued for British subjects.

"It is impossible," he added, "to say what the attitude of foreign Governments would be to a second form of passport issued in Scotland. With the more stringent regulations everywhere, too, it is obvious that only a fully qualified staff should be allowed to issue passports—a staff fully conversant with conditions in the different countries, in touch with the various changes in passport laws abroad, and up-to-date in the knowledge of new legal decisions—to mention only some of the necessary qualifications."

## Money Again

The fact that there was a passport office in Liverpool, he continued, was rather beside the point. So many people needed passports to leave that port that the authorities were justified in going to the expense of maintaining a branch office. It had not been shown that there was sufficient demand for passports in Scotland to justify the necessary great cost of establishing an office there.

"To suggest that delay amounting to a fortnight is common in the case of applications for passports from Scotland," the official proceeded, "is inaccurate. Only in cases where there is irregularity in the application is there delay. As an urgent matter it is quite easy to obtain a passport in 24 hours. There is no need for Scotland applicants to send to London. They can apply to Liverpool."

## Belittled as Usual

An official of the Scotland Office, interviewed by a "Morning Post" representative, remarked: "The St. Andrew's Societies" are excellent bodies, and occupy a very important position in Scottish life. They are, however, inclined to be over-nationalistic in their outlook, and may, on this occasion, have put forward their case without due regard to the other side of the question.

"If their complaint comes to the Scottish Office, the Secretary of State, Sir John Gilmour, will, doubtless, following his usual practice, fully investigate their application. If he considers that there really is hardship, and that they have stated a genuine case, he will approach the Foreign Office in an attempt to get the matter adjusted."

## VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTH-RATE HIGHER IN  
ENGLAND

## OFFICIAL FIGURES

The year 1928 will go down as the period when an improvement set in in the birth-rate of England and Wales, following the unprecedented fall during 1927, when the number of births registered was the lowest on record.

In 1928 660,267 babies were born compared with 654,127 in 1927. This, however, does not compare very favourably with the record number registered during the past decade, 957,782, nearly a million, in the year 1920.

The number of deaths (excluding still-births), states the Registrar-General's return, during the year was 460,440, making a death-rate 0.6 below that for 1927, the number in that year being 484,609.

The natural increase of population by excess of births over deaths was, therefore, 199,827, compared with the average annual increase in the preceding five years of 243,621. The infant mortality rate for the year in England and Wales was 65 per 1,000 live births, which is the best recorded, the previous lowest being 69—during the year 1923.

Marriages solemnized during the year totalled (according to a provisional estimate) 302,810, as compared with 308,370 in the preceding year.

burglary; ten years for stealing a watch and chain; seven years for burglary; and five years for stealing £1 6s. 6d.

"The burglaries were not of a daring or professional character," Mr. Churchill commented, "the criminal was not armed, the amounts stolen were in all cases very small. The convict throughout his life has been a nuisance, but not a danger to society."

## CORPORAL'S TRIAL

PLEAS BY COUNSEL FOR THE  
DEFENCE

## COURT AND THE ACCOUNTS

The trial by District Court Martial of Corporal Charles Hendry K.O.S.B., on sixteen charges of the alleged embezzlement of moneys, amounting to \$1,300, whilst acting as clerk to the President of the Regimental Institute, during 1928, was concluded at Scandal Point yesterday afternoon.

Major Todd, after Mr. D. E. Strellett, for the defence, had made a lengthy address in the accused's behalf, announced that the judgment of the Court will be promulgated in due course through the usual channel.

In his speech for the defence, Mr. Strellett went fully into the whole of the evidence placed before the Court.

## In the Dark

Counsel laid stress on the fact that some of the cheques paid to the P.R.I. covered four or five items, and asked where was the information to come from regarding

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ing those items? What was the value of the evidence of the totals which the various Companies had paid in to the P.R.I.? With the practice obtained in the P.R.I.'s office how could they possibly arrive at a figure which it was said that accused had received? However much the accused did on one side or the other they were entirely in the dark.

Proceeding, Mr. Strellett said that the prosecution could not prove definitely that the P.R.I. had been defrauded of one single cent. Some of the entries in the books were right, and some were hopelessly wrong. Major Ogilvie had admitted in the evidence that over \$100 a month had been expended and there were no entries concerning them in the books.

**Payments Not Recorded**

He (counsel) had brought it out in his cross-examination of Major Ogilvie that numerous payments had been made which were never recorded. If that was the method employed by the P.R.I., then anything that appeared to be defalcations in the books was purely routine carelessness. There were unrecorded payments which even Major Ogilvie must know had been made.

About 101 people must have made applications for a host of trivial sums which were granted, and these small items must have amounted to a considerable sum, but they were not entered in the books.

With regard to cash payments made, Mr. Strellett said that Major Ogilvie could not remember having himself made a single payment in cash. It was a revelation that he did not remember a single cash payment being made when the P.R.I.'s office was continually making such payments.

**Petty Errors Growing**

Laying stress on the By-Product account, Mr. Strellett said that the small contractors and the P.R.I. knew what sums had to be paid, yet the accused was charged with making entries with intent to defraud. If the accused had taken, say, a cheque for \$80 and converted it to his own use, would he have put that wrong right by paying in a cheque for \$20 more than the account was for? Was such an action a deliberate intention to defraud? Not at all. It merely showed that petty errors and slight mistakes were "growing" in the P.R.I.'s office, and the accused had paid more into certain accounts than anyone expected to find. It might be incompetence, but certainly not fraudulence.

Mr. Strellett said emphatically that accused could not be guilty of embezzlement.

## The Summing Up

The Judge Advocate then reviewed the evidence and advised the Court on points of law. He said that it was not for the accused to prove himself innocent. It was the duty of the prosecution to prove him guilty.

"Unless you are satisfied that the prosecution have proved these charges you cannot find the accused guilty."

Referring to the cheque which had been cashed by Mr. G. Young, manager of the N.A.A.F.I.'s central store, Mr. Fitzroy said that to cash that cheque, for \$115, Mr. Young had to obtain special permission, because he could not cash cheques over \$100. The money was paid to the accused, but there was no evidence as to what happened to the money. Instead of paying the money did the accused steal it? "You have to be sure without any reasonable doubt."

In conclusion, Mr. Fitzroy said: "The accounts have been kept slovenly and the supervision was none too good. But you have to be satisfied that the prosecution have established beyond all reasonable doubt the guilt of the accused. I cannot impress that on you too much."

## SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED  
IN THE "MAIL"

## ENTERTAINMENTS

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Crowd." Theatre; "The Thief of Bagdad." Theatre; "To-day—Star Theatre; "Lights of Old Broadway."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Mother."

May 11—Grand Concert at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Praya East, 9 p.m.

("Delta"), 2.30 p.m.

Lammeris' Auction.

May 14—At old kitchen of H.K. & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., Des Voeux-rd. Ctl., refrigerator, conservator, tables, gas cooker, ice boxes and mirrors, 11 a.m.

Home Malls

To-morrow—Inward from Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia ("Tamba Maru").

To-day—Outward for Shanghai and Europe via Siberia ("Tjikembang"), 6 p.m.

Sport

May 11—St. Joseph's College Athletic Meeting, Sookumpoo.

Meetings

May 16—(H.K.V.D.C.) Sergeants' Mess Meeting, 6 p.m.

May 13—Regular Monthly meeting of Members of Marine Engineers' Guild of China (H.K. branch) 67, Des Voeux-rd. Ctl., 6 p.m.

May 17—Half-yearly meeting of voting members of H.K. Jockey Club, H.K. Club Annex, 5.10 p.m.

May 23—Forty-eighth ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's offices, noon.

May 24—Meetings of "Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., and British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., at Union Bldg., 11 a.m., 11.15 a.m., and 11.20 a.m., respectively.

Miscellaneous

To-day—At Volunteer Headquarters, Annual Corps smoking concert, dinner and distribution of Corps trophies and musketry prizes.

May 18—Pianoforte Recital by Mr. Harry Ore's pupils, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

## "ART OF LIBEL"

HUMOROUS POSSIBILITIES  
EXPLAINED BY GATLEY

## THE LAW'S "LIBERTIES"

There are many novels far less entertaining than the great lump of a book, "Gatley on Libel and Slander," which reaches us in a second edition from Sweet and Maxwell, Ltd. (says a writer in a Home paper). The title alone conjures up pleasant thoughts, for would not most of us like to libel and slander somebody?

Know, then, that it is possible to sit down by the fire with Gatley, think of a man you don't like, and then libel him with all the ingenuity that the law allows—libel him hip and thigh, up hill and down dale, by postcard, telegram, and telephone. The ways of doing it are infinite. Liken him to Pecksniff—that's a libel. Even by making cabalistic chalk marks on his front gate you can libel him. Nothing is easier than libel.

Unfortunately you could be made to pay for all these sports. But Gatley also instructs you how to say nasty things for which an action for libel would not "lie."

You can make derogatory statements about a man in a humorous after-dinner speech, for instance, and so long as your audience laughs the law holds that it's only your fun.

## Dangerous Jokes

But it is very important to make sure that the audience takes it as a joke. Gatley tells a warning story about a wag who told some dull fellows that a certain man had been seen taking bodies out of a churchyard. He was only joking. The thing was ridiculous. But because no evidence was produced to prove that his hearers didn't take it all as gospel, he had to pay.

So that before indulging in the pastime of libel by joke, it would be safer to fire off a few funny harmless stories and see how they go down.

Have you a churchwarden among your enemies? Then you are on velvet. Accuse him of stealing the parish bell-ropes. He can't touch you, because it has been held (Jackson v. Adams, 1835; Bing-N.C. 402) that "inasmuch as a churchwarden had possession of the bell-ropes belonging to the church he could not be guilty of stealing them, and therefore no action would lie for the words spoken, as they did not impute an indictable offence." There is surely a plot for a good crime novel there.

Enough has been said to commend Gatley as an amusing companion. As to his serious value, who could be a better witness than Mr. Justice McCardie, who declares in a forward that the book is "the most widely recognized text-book on the Law of Defamation," and that it will take its place as "the classical work on the subject."

NEW  
ADVERTISEMENTS.

## NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY WARNED that two Bearer Bonds Hong Kong Public Works 6% First Issue Nos. A418 and A414 each Bond value \$1,000 Hong Kong Currency have been lost or stolen.

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10th May, 1929.

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W. J. STOKES,  
Branch Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 10th May, 1929.

## IN OTHER PLACES

CHRONICLES FROM JAPAN  
TO JAVA

Mr. A. E. Bailey, of the Fisk Rubber Co., has arrived in Singapore by the President Johnson from the United States.

The American Minister at Bangkok and his party travelled to Pattani to view the solar eclipse by the motor vessel "Maimi."

The Japanese Ambassador, the Siamese Minister, and the Chinese Charge d'Affaires attended the third Parliamentary dinner of the session given by the Speaker.

At King George V School Hall, Seremban, the Negri Sembilan All Blues Rugby Association were "At Home" to their founder Pay-Lt. Duncan Edward Lander, R.N., on the eve of his transfer to Perak. Mrs. Lander was also present.

Fraser's Hill was crowded over the Easter Holidays. The Acting Resident, Pahang, and Miss Green were at the Pahang bungalow, and there was a party from Singapore staying at the Municipal Commissioners' bungalow, "Singapore House."

The King has approved of the appointment of Colonel H. de C. Martelli, C.B., D.S.O., Commander Royal Artillery, 42nd (East Lancashire) Division, to be Aide-de-Camp to the King with effect from February 26, 1929. Colonel Martelli rendered distinguished service during the war, and in 1927 was with the Shanghai Defence Force.

The Chinese Press says that a hurricane, which visited Changsha on April 19, sank 60 vessels and caused no fewer than 31 deaths. Another report says that, three days later, a phenomenon was witnessed in Tientsin when the blue sky suddenly became yellow in the morning and changed to red at 4 p.m. An hour later, it was transformed into a dark purple colour and, at 6 p.m., heavy rains fell.

In the course of a statement to the Chinese Press, Dr. Ho Shih-tsun, president of the Shanghai Provisional Court, said that Notes regarding the rendition of the Court would be sent by the Wai-chiaopu to the Powers concerned, viz., Great Britain, the United States, Japan, Italy, Holland and Belgium. Dr. Ho further stated that a report was being submitted to Nanking dealing with general conditions of the Court at various periods.

The annual senior staff dinner of the Posts and Telegraphs Department, S.S. and F.M.S., was held recently at the Great Eastern Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. Following the practice of previous years the senior officers in Kuala Lumpur acted as hosts to their colleagues from the Colony and outstations. The chair was taken by Mr. Andrew Caldecott, C.B.E., M.C.S., Secretary for Postal Affairs, and approximately 40 members of the department sat down to dinner.

## COMING POLISH COMPETITION

That there is competition ahead in the coal trade may be judged from the fact that according to reports from Scandinavia Polish steam coal is being offered for shipment after April on the basis of 12s. 3d. to 12s. 6d. a ton f.o.b. Danzing or Gdynia. If that is the case May promises to find the coal markets drifting back to the old conditions which prevailed before the spurt of February—at least in the Baltic trade.

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### "MOTHER"

HUMAN STORY OF DOMESTIC  
LIFE

#### TONIC IN A PICTURE

Once in a blue moon comes along a picture which sends an audience away from a theatre with a better and brighter view of life, a picture that makes one think in a different vein.

Such a picture is "Mother," now showing at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, and a picture which has gleaned more kindly comment than any shown locally for many months.

It is an FBO picturisation suggested by Kathleen Norris's story; the adaptation being by Dorothy Yost.

Sorrows in Every Home  
Belle Bennett, who won signal fame in "Stella Dallas," gives an

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even superior portrayal in "Mother," which is the story of a real family in moderate circumstances, just such a family as live right around the corner from any one. You are taken into the home and you get a human slant at the joys and sorrows, the longings and the disappointments which, obviously, are prevalent in every home. And, above all, you are reminded of the great sacrifice that every mother makes for husband, home, and children.

In addition to Miss Bennett, brilliant work is done by Crawford Kent, William Bakewell, Joyce Coad, Mabel Julianne Scott and Charlotte Stevens.

J. Leo Meehan directed with infinite skill and a thorough understanding of his theme.

#### HEROINE OF SIX

In an unavailing effort to save her three-year-old brother from drowning, Evelyn Vera Kinchin, six of Northcote Road, Tonbridge, nearly lost her own life recently.

The little boy, Neville Stephen Kinchin was playing on the sports ground near the River Medway when he fell into the water.

When his sister held out her hand to him, the boy grasped it and pulled her into the water.

Another child called two hockey players who pulled both children out.

Artificial respiration was unsuccessfully applied to the boy. The girl was taken to Tonbridge Hospital suffering from shock.

Mr. H. Richards, of Quorn-street, Derby, has been notified that his son, Signalman Richards, aged 26, of the Royal Corps of Signals, has died from gunshot wounds in Cairo.

### MONEY AND SHARES

#### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

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On demand 47 %

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On Bombay—

Wire 130 1/4

On demand 130 1/4

On Calcutta—

Wire 130 1/4

On demand 130 1/4

On Singapore—

On demand 84 1/4

On Manila—

On demand 95 1/4

On Shanghai—

On demand 79 1/2

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On demand 105

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#### LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Yesterday.

Paris 124 1/2

New York 4.85 5/32

Brussels 84.94 1/2

Geneva 25.18 1/2

Amsterdam 12.06 1/2

Milan 92.65

Berlin 20.46 1/2

Stockholm 18.16 1/2

Copenhagen 18.20 1/2

Oslo 18.19 1/2

Vienna 34.54 1/2

Prague 164

Helsingfors 193

Madrid 33.99 1/2

Lisbon 108 1/4

Athens 575

Bucharest 818

Rio 5 57/64

Buenos Aires 47 5/16

Bombay 1/5 29/32

Shanghai 2/5 1/2

Hong Kong 1/11 %

Yokohama 1/10 3/16

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#### OLD COMRADES

GENERALS WHO SHARE  
HANDS

Strange coincidences in the lives of the chairman, General Sir Edward Bethune, and himself were recounted by General Sir Ian Hamilton at a gathering of the London Fire Association in mail week.

"The chairman and myself," said Sir Ian, "evidently were made for one another. He has lost his right hand, I have lost my left. When we sit closely, cheek by jaw, at the festive board, we can handle-knife and fork like proper trencher-men."

"The worst of it is he has the fork hand of me, so the tit-bits are apt to find their way into his mouth and the gristle and drum-sticks into mine."

"We served together as General Commanding-in-Chief and Chief of the General Staff, on Salisbury Plain between 1905 and 1909; again, as president and chairman of the British Legion—in London—during the past three years; and now as chairman and guest."

"Sir Ian pointed out that both he and the chairman were at Cheam Preparatory School and were sub-alterns together in the Gordon Highlanders."

"When we went last summer as pilgrims to the Menin Gate at Ypres," he added, "the billeting authorities quartered us both in one small room containing one small bed, one basin, one tumbler, one tiny bit of looking-glass, and one everything you like to imagine. It was touching in every sense."

The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, according to the vernacular press, has addressed a further letter to the Japanese Consul-General to the effect that the owners of the str. "Hain Dah Ming," which was sunk in a collision with the str. "Akutsu Maru II," have agreed to redress their claim for compensation for cargo lost, and he asks that the owners of the latter steamer should pay \$1,000 to the families of each of the victims of the wreck.

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Banks

H.K. Banks \$1210 b

H.K. London Reg. \$131 n

Chartered Bank \$19 b

Mercantile A. & B. \$33 n

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Canton Insurance \$695 b

Union Insurance \$368 n

North China Insurance \$160 b

Yangtze Insurance \$850 n

China Underwriters \$220 b 280 s

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H.K. Fire Insurance \$765 n

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Douglases \$33 s

H.K. Steamboats \$26 s

H.K. Tugs & Lighters \$2 1/2 b

Indo-China (Pref.) \$45 b

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Shell Transports \$97/- n

Shell Transports (new) \$22 n

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Mining

Benguets \$2 1/2 b

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H.K. & K. Wharves \$121 n

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New Engineering \$5.60 b

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Ewo Cottons \$12 1/2 b

Oriental Cottons T2 b & sa 2.10 s

Shanghai Cottons (old) \$72 s

Shanghai Cottons (new) \$73 n

Lands, Hotels & Buildings

H.K. & S. Hotels \$8 1/2 n

H.K. Lands \$82 b

Shanghai Lands \$143 n

Humphreys' Estates \$14.35 n

H.K. Realities \$8.35 n

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H.K. Tramways \$18.60 b 18 1/4 s

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H.K. Electrics (old) \$57 1/2 b 58 s

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Singapore Traction \$11/6 n

Singapore Pref. \$16/6 b

Sandakan Lts. \$2 1/2 s

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China Sugars \$8.90 sa

Malabon Sugars \$27 b

Canton Ice \$1.80 b

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Cements (old) \$7 1/2 s

Cements (new) \$14.0 n

H.K. Ropes (old) \$7.10 b

H.K. Ropes (new) —

United Asbestos \$5 b

Stores, &c.

Dairy Farms \$19.10 b

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B. Ind. G.S. Bonds \$6 1/2 % b

H.K. Govt. Loans 5 % b Prem.

#### STANDARD TIME.

##### SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN COLONY

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for May (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), are as follow—

Sunrise Sunset

May 10 5.46 6.54

11 5.46 6.54

12 5.45 6.55

13 5.45 6.55

14 5.44 6.55

15 5.43 6.56

16 5.43 6.56

17 5.42 6.56

18 5.42 6.57

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21 5.41 6.59

22 5.41 6.59

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25 5.40 7.01

26 5.40 7.01

27 5.40 7.02

28 5.39 7.02

29 5.39 7.02

30 5.39 7.03

31 5.39 7.03



## Sport Columns

### HOME CRICKET

#### MIDDLESEX WIN BY THIRTY RUNS

##### LOW SCORING

London, Yesterday. At the Oval the County Championship between Middlesex and Leicestershire was concluded in two days and was marked by exceptionally low scoring.

Batting first Middlesex scored only 72 runs, Geary being in great form with the ball, taking five wickets for 31 runs.

In their second innings Middlesex's score reached 169, Astill taking five wickets for 39 runs. Leicestershire, in their first innings, scored exactly the same as their opponents in their first venture, namely 72. Rollins took six wickets for 29 runs.

Going in a second time, Leicestershire ran up a score of only 159.

Middlesex thus won by 30 runs. —Reuter.

### RACING

#### STOCK EXCHANGE DERBY SWEEP

##### FORGERY SCARE

London, Yesterday. The draw for the Stock Exchange £1,000,000 Derby sweepstake has been accelerated owing to rumours of forged tickets being in circulation. They are fully published, and give the following numbers for present favourites (two prizes to each horse):

Cragadour, D 12338, E. 66036. Mr. Jinks, E 58565, G. 16077. Gay Day, B 98586, A. 69209. Kopl, A 76571, D 40900. Costaki Pasha, F 61260, C 74107. Engarde, I 34481, H 23449.

There are 1,018 prizes, the two first being each \$125,000. The organisers announce that there is no guard against the danger of forged tickets. Drawers of winning tickets should present them at the offices of the fund the week after the Derby is run for examination. Only members of the Stock Exchange who originally purchased the tickets may bring the tickets, and cheques will only be paid to such stock brokers. —Reuter.

#### "MR. JINKS" AND THE DERBY

##### BETTING ON APRIL 19

London, April 19. The latest Derby betting is as follows:—

9 to 1 agst. Mr. Jinks.  
10 to 1 agst. Cragadour.  
100 to 3 agst. Brienz and Costaki Pasha.

100 to 7 agst. Reedsouth.  
100 to 6 agst. Midlothian and Reflector.

18 to 1 agst. Gay Day (offered).  
20 to 1 agst. Kopl (offered; 25 to 1 taken).

20 to 1 agst. Rattlin the Reefer and Empire Builder.  
100 to 3 agst. Bosworth and Trigo offered.

100 to 3 agst. Aesculapius (taken and offered).

Sir V. Sassoon's Candidate Bombay, April 18.

Two years ago Sir Victor Sassoon, who takes a genuine interest in racing, is reported to have said he would not go to England until his trainer could assure him that he had a candidate with a winning chance in the Derby.

Jim Crawford evidently thinks he has a prospective winner in Gay Day, for the Bombay mill magnate has made the trip to England and seen the colt at work on Newmarket Heath.

Gay Day is a bay son of Gay Crusader out of Silver Tag. He did not win a race last year, but was placed fourth in the Champagne Stakes and the Middle Park

### FOOTBALL

#### ENGLAND BEATS FRANCE IN PARIS

##### 40,000 PRESENT

Paris, Yesterday. In fine weather, before 40,000 spectators, England beat France in the International Association football match by four goals to one. —Reuter.

#### ENGLISH F.A. TEAM FOR SOUTH AFRICA

##### WELSH FOR CANADA

This month the Football Association will send their third team since 1910 to South Africa. Twenty days later the Welsh Association have undertaken to embark a team for Canada. In May the F.A. will have an eleven touring France, Belgium, and Spain, while the Scottish Association propose to send a party of players to the Northern parts of Europe.

Chelsea have definitely undertaken a trip to the Argentine. Tottenham Hotspur are paying a visit to Malta to meet the Services, as well as some civilian teams, and many other clubs are considering and even concluding similar trips and projects. During every football season in Great Britain there are people trying to make arrangements for representative and club teams to go abroad.

The world is under the spell of the simple game, for English amateurs are just as much in request as the "professionals," who are

### DON'T WASTE WATER!

known everywhere by repute. It is doubtful if any game is quite so universally played in all parts of the globe by people of every race, rank, and colour.

In 1910 and 1920 the F.A. players at the Cape took part in 37 matches and won every engagement by an aggregate of 207 goals to 26. During 1920 there were three Test matches. The first and second were won by such modest scores as 3-1—figures which seemed to please the defeated.

The eleven who represented England, rightly or wrongly, came to the conclusion that the South Africans were beginning to think that these men from the Old Country were not so very superior to themselves. There was a little conversation on the matter. The players thought it was about time that they showed the South Africans what they could do, and won the last of the Tests by 9-1. It is impossible to forecast how England's men will adapt themselves to the surfaces and the weather; but, judging each man on the form he has shown in England during the past season, it will not be surprising if England's representation in the big matches with South Africa consists of the following players:—

Hibbs (Birmingham); Osborne (Leicester); A. F. Barrett (Fulham), Keeping (Southampton); Shelley (Southampton), Hart (Leeds United), A. F. Barrett or Armitage (Stoke); Pease (Middlesbrough), Seed (Sheffield Wednesday), Chandler (Leicester City), Price (Fulham), and Williams (Stoke).

Stakes, behind some of the best two-year-olds of the year.

Steve Donoghue, the Epsom wizard, who has been retained by the mill magnate, will be astride on Gay Day and may ride yet another winner of the world's greatest classic.

Hot Night, owned by a Bombay sportsman, failed to win the race in 1927, but he was up against an infinitely better horse in Call Boy.

### GOLF OPTIMIST

#### COMPSTON GETTING READY FOR HAGEN AGAIN

##### HARRY VARDON'S VIEWS

London, April 18. The curtain is up for the golf season in earnest. All the leading amateur and professional players have been seen in action, and the heralds are busy telling us that Archie Compston and Walter Hagen are to play a series of three matches for £500 a-side during the visit of the American professionals to Britain.

The original programme has had to be cancelled, but it is to be hoped the matches do not fall through altogether.

A more interesting clash of personalities and playing qualities than that provided by Hagen and Compston it would be difficult to imagine. As showmen of the links they are unequalled, especially in events of high importance.

There is nothing derogatory in this remark. Their attributes in the production of spectacular effects—in thinking out a shot and posing for it, in attempting the daring thing and recovering from the desperate situation—are as much a natural gift as they were in the case of the late John Roberts at billiards.

They make golf look as difficult as the rest of us find it. They puzzle their heads profoundly over every stroke. They step warily into their stances as though they were not at all comfortable or confident. We know their capabilities, but it must be very soothing to the ordinary struggler with the game to see champions thus afflicted. They swing the club so beautifully that they ought to have no such mental trials.

Luck or Faith? Hagen's capacity to bring forth winning shots when they are urgently needed is the greatest that any golfer has possessed since the era of E. G. Taik, thirty years and more ago. One can say this in spite of the fact that Hagen no longer has claims to be regarded as match-play champion.

For the reason that he did it repeatedly, Taik came to be regarded as a man who might hole any kind of shot when nothing less would meet the situation. He holed out from hard up against the fence beyond the last green at Sandwich to win the St. George's Cup, knowing that he had to do it to win; he got down putts of preposterous lengths to save himself when he looked beaten in amateur championships.

People said that he was lucky, and I suppose he was indeed fortunate to be able to achieve such things, but it cannot have been all luck that produced the effects so frequently.

Hagen has been just the same on many occasions. He has turned forlorn positions into victory far more often than anybody else in modern golf.

On his inspired days he seems to be able to play any shot that is wanted when everything looks lost. What is more he expects to play it. If he needs to hole out from 150 yards, he has the pin removed. It is rather like getting ready for an innings at cricket by telling the scorer to put down 100 for a start; but it is his spirit, and it succeeds wondrously.

Conquering Shots. I think the best thing that Hagen ever did was to hole a very long putt to get a chequered 6 when he won his second British open championship at Hoylake.

He had looked beaten all the way out in the last round, and when he muddled along at the ninth hole, seemingly set for a 7, everybody said that his change was gone. However, he holed that putt, and went on fighting against the grain until he definitely took the lead by hitting a wonderful mashie-iron shot from the rough on to the seventeenth green, and clinched it by holing a putt of three yards on the eighteenth.

In the four consecutive American match-play championships which he won, he struggled out of some seemingly hopeless corners by holing long putts when he stood several holes down with only a few more to play. He never ought to have beaten Abe Mitchell in their match in this country for

### DON'T WASTE WATER

#### ONLY 2 MONTHS' SUPPLY IN STORAGE

##### LATEST FIGURES

Don't waste water! There is only two months' supply in storage according to the latest figures published by the Water Authorities.

On April 1 there were 457.20 million gallons in storage in the reservoirs in Hong Kong. On May 1 this had been reduced to 312.78 gallons. The figures for Kowloon are 197.24 million gallons and 117 million gallons, respectively. Roughly, this means that at the same rate of consumption, there is only two months' supply in the Colony. The position, therefore, still calls for the strictest economy.

The Returns. Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on May 1, 1929:—

	1928	1929
Tytam .....	1715'8"	31'0"
Tytam Byewash .....	16'8"	24'11"
Tytam Intermediate .....	4'6"	34'7"
Tytam Tuk .....	38'0"	92'1"
Wong Nei Chung .....	18'5"	40'3"
Pokfulum .....	1110'8"	33'8"

(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow.")

Storage in millions and Decimals of gallons.

	1928	1929
Tytam .....	253.30	173.70
Tytam Byewash .....	4.67	7.0
Tytam Intermediate .....	171.36	53.80
Tytam Tuk .....	658.60	79.50
Wong Nei Chung .....	12.92	6.6
Pokfulum .....	40.44	4.42

Total .....

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of April.

	1928	1929
Consumption .....	217.00	159.74
Estimated population .....	421,380	451,700
Consumption per head per day .....	17.1	12.3

\* Includes 3.72 m.g. from Talkin Refinery Dam and 7.38 m.g. from Kowloon.

Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts during April 1929. Services to houses in the Rider Main Districts were disconnected and a supply was given by public street fountains only during April, 1929.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1928	1929
Kowloon Reservoir .....	17'4"	37'5"
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir .....	9'2"	34'2"
Reception Reservoir .....	2'0"	2'2"

Storage in millions and Decimals of gallons.

	1928	1929
Kowloon Reservoir .....	196.53	72.75
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir .....	81.34	16.80
Reception Reservoir .....	27.87	27.45

Total .....

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of April.

	1928	1929
Consumption .....	97.59	105.64
Estimated population .....	164,880	169,900
Consumption per head per day .....	19.7	20.7

\* Does not include water sent to Hong Kong.

Full Supply in all districts during April 1928 and 1929.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to April 30, 1928, 14.74; April 30, 1929, 3.56.

2500 a side, but he recovered a deficit of four holes, and took a club which he had not previously used to finish the match by laying a long running shot dead one hole from home.

All this it is fair to state as evidence of the difficulty of the task that confronts Compston in his eagerness to give Hagen the opportunity for revenge. Nobody knows it better than Compston, and I am sure that he is not in the least awed by it.

Our latter-day exchanges of rivalry with America have left us with very few golf optimists, but that is not through any bad example that Compston has set. He believes in himself as thoroughly as any man ever has done. And I think he has a big chance of beating Hagen again—a bigger chance than any other player whom we could put into the field at this juncture.

He has the qualities of personality and temperament that mean so much in such an encounter. —HARRY VARDON.

### MR. D. O. O. DE ZILVA

#### MARRIED TO HIS BROTHER'S WIDOW

##### CEREMONY AT HOME

The "East Kent Gazette" of April 13 reports:—

A wedding of some local interest took place at the Wesleyan Chapel, Kingsway Hall, Kingsway, London, on Wednesday, when Mr. Daniel Oswald Oliver de Zilva, insurance underwriter, of 42, St. Petersburg Place, London, late of Borden View, London-road, Milton Regis, was married to Mrs. Rose Evelyn de Zilva, of 18, Pervin-road, Cosham, Hanis, his brother's widow.

Mr. de Zilva, who was formerly local representative of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, is now on the staff of the head office of the Company in London, the staff of which had two hours off to attend the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Mr. Goldhawk.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. Cyril Fernando, a prominent Ceylon merchant, was attended by two bridesmaids and a matron of honour, and Mr. Graydon Joachim (nephew of the bridegroom) acted as "best man." The bridesmaids were Miss Vera Griffin (niece of the bride and Miss Pearl Forster (late of Hong Kong), the matron of honour being Mrs. Ernest Atkinson, of Chelsea.

The bride wore a lido blue satin dress trimmed with pale pink and a spray of pink carnations, with a blue straw hat to match trimmed with pink malmalons. Her coat was of blue repp trimmed with fox fur, and she wore gray shoes and stockings. Both bridesmaids were similarly attired in blue dresses to match.

After the ceremony a thé dant reception took place at the Trinity Restaurant, the Strand, at which there were between forty and fifty guests, including friends from different parts of the country and abroad. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Fernando, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fernando, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Morgan, Mrs. B. Forster, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. F. Coates, Misses Annie and Vera Griffin, Pearl Forster, Toodles Foster, Jessie Radford, Kathleen Mawdesley, Mrs. E. Atkinson, Mrs. A. P. Parker and Mrs. A. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. MacPherson, Mr. H. Graham, Mr. E. H. Coates, Miss E. E. Ashwood, Miss A. M. Chapple, Mrs. R. G. Strutt, Miss D. E. Garner, Miss D. C. Brookes, Miss G. E. Welch, Miss G. P. Liqueurish, Miss M. Poole, Miss A. Saunders, Mr. W. L. Hill, Mr. F. L. Crilly, Miss G. M. Dollery, Messrs. N. L. Thomas, T. H. Shaw, R. N. Ekins, L. G. Lowe, A. P. E. Pebertry, T. Pebertry, Graydon Joachim, Clinton Fernando, Arden Fernando, Noel Clarke, W. H. Southey, J. W. G. Bowes, C. J. Ogden, J. McPherson, and Edwin Wadsworth.

Later on the newly-married couple left by car for Hove and Portsmouth for the honeymoon, after which they will take up their residence at Hampstead, London.

### CANADA WILDS

#### LECTURE TO A NEW YORK AUDIENCE

A comprehensive study of the wild life and national parks system of Canada was delivered to a large audience at the Museum of Natural History, Central Park West, New York by Colonel S. Maynard Rogers, former superintendent of Jasper Park, Alberta, and now representing the Canadian national parks system.

The lecture included fishing and canoeing scenes in eastern Canada, the round up of buffalo in Wainwright Park, Alberta, trail scenes in Jasper Park and close-up studies of moose, elk, deer, beaver, mountain sheep and goat, as well as of many forms of wild bird life, in their natural habitat.

The homestead of the Salvation Army land colony at Barneveld, 13 miles from Arnhem, Holland, was totally destroyed by fire recently, the workers being saved with difficulty, while 48 out of 50 cattle were burned to death.

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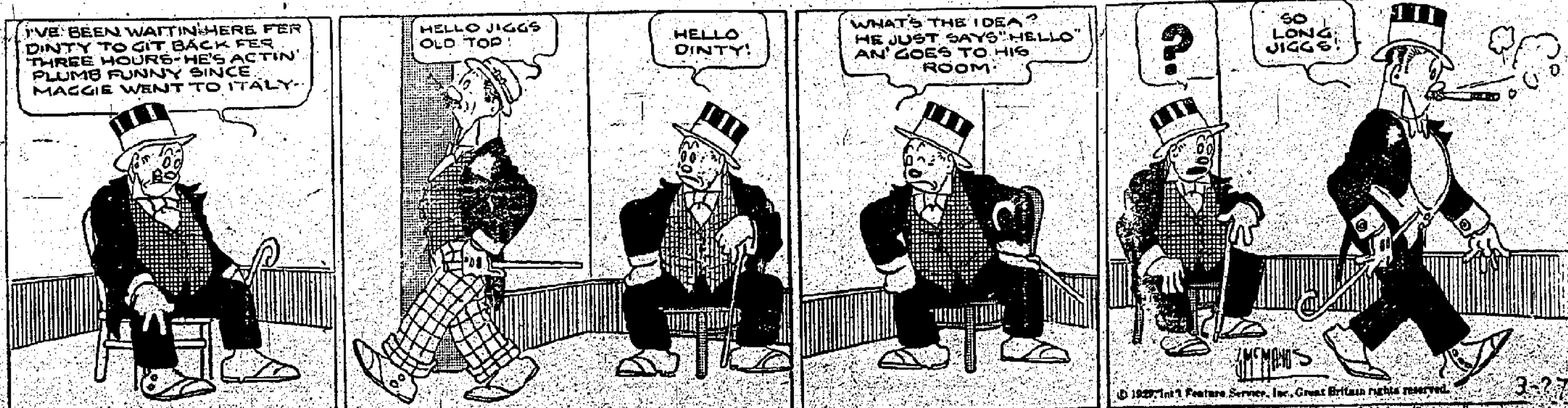
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BRINGING UP FATHER.



# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Foreign Minister



Sir Austin Chamberlain, Foreign Minister of Great Britain, photographed at Victoria Station in London just before leaving for Geneva, Switzerland to attend conferences of the League of Nations.

South Sea Cruise



Sailing on the "Mary Pinchot" for a semi-scientific expedition into the South Sea Captain A. W. Beale, in uniform, left, with ex-Governor Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, leader of the expedition. Nobody in the boat is going to have more fun out of the trip than the young members. Gifford Pinchot, Jr., extreme right, youngest son of the former Governor, is giving his friend, Steve Stahlnecker, a few pointers on handling a rifle.

Prince May Go To India



The Duke of York, second son of King George, who, according to reports, will be appointed new Reform Viceroy of India, to carry out the ideas recommended by the Simon Commission.

An Interesting Trio



(Left to right) Mr. George A. Fitch (General Secretary of the Foreign Y.M.C.A.), Sir Miles Lampson (British Minister to China) and Mr. A. Q. Adamson (Architect), who paused a moment for the photographer during the inspection visit of Sir Miles at the Foreign "Y" Building on Bubbling Well-road, opposite the race course, Shanghai.

B.C.C. Annual Dinner



Members of the staff of the British Cigarette Co.'s factories at Pootung and Thornburn-road, Shanghai, held their annual dinner at the Eddie Cafe. Among the 120 members and guests present were Mr. Robert Bailey (general manager) and Messrs. L. G. Cousins, N. G. Harris, T. E. Skidmore and W. A. N. Heygate (directors).—(Ah Fong).

Led Rebels In Mexico



Gen. Jose Gonzalo Escobar, Commander of the rebel forces of Mexico, who directed personally the movements of his troops against the Federal Government.

Police Officials in Informal Visit



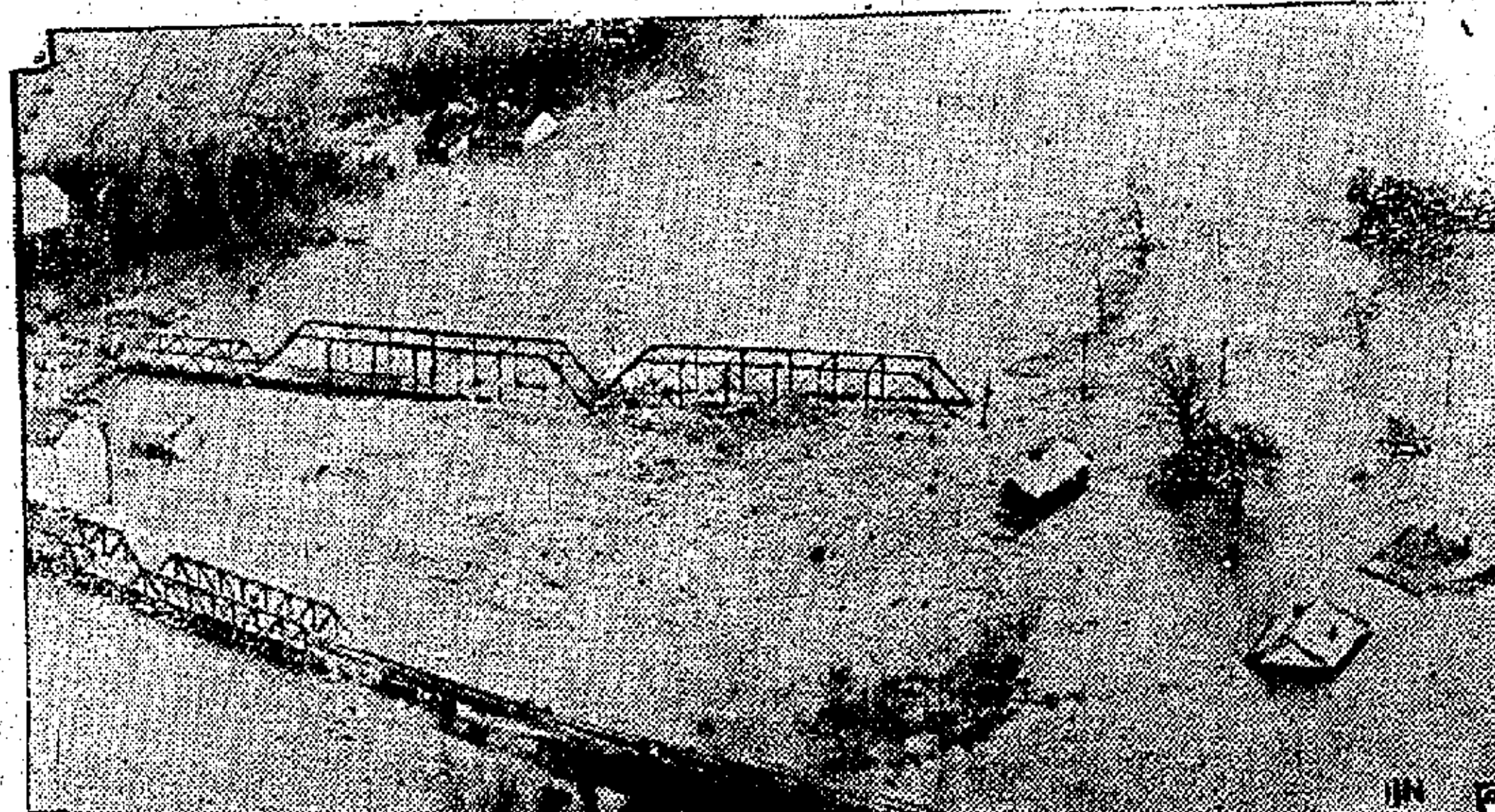
Lord Byng (left), the Grover Whalen of London, chats with Capt. Hassel (right), new Director of Central Police Band, at the Hyde Park Police Station down Kensington way. Police Commissioner Byng is former Governor General of Canada. In centre is Chief Constable Whitehead.

Ricscha Coolies' Strike at Hangchow



During the Easter holidays, ricscha pullers at Hangchow went on strike because of a dispute with a motor garage whose service had cut into business. Angered at the increasing popularity of motor cars and motor bus service, the ricscha coolies caused serious disturbances, going so far as to throw cars into West Lake, as depicted in the upper photo. The lower photo shows a number of ricschas being set on fire.—(China Photographic News Agency).

Flood Havoc in Tennessee



Floods that subsided almost as quickly as they rose trapped many people and cost many lives. This aerial view shows a section of a bridge swept away by the rising waters of the torrent at McMinnville, Tenn.

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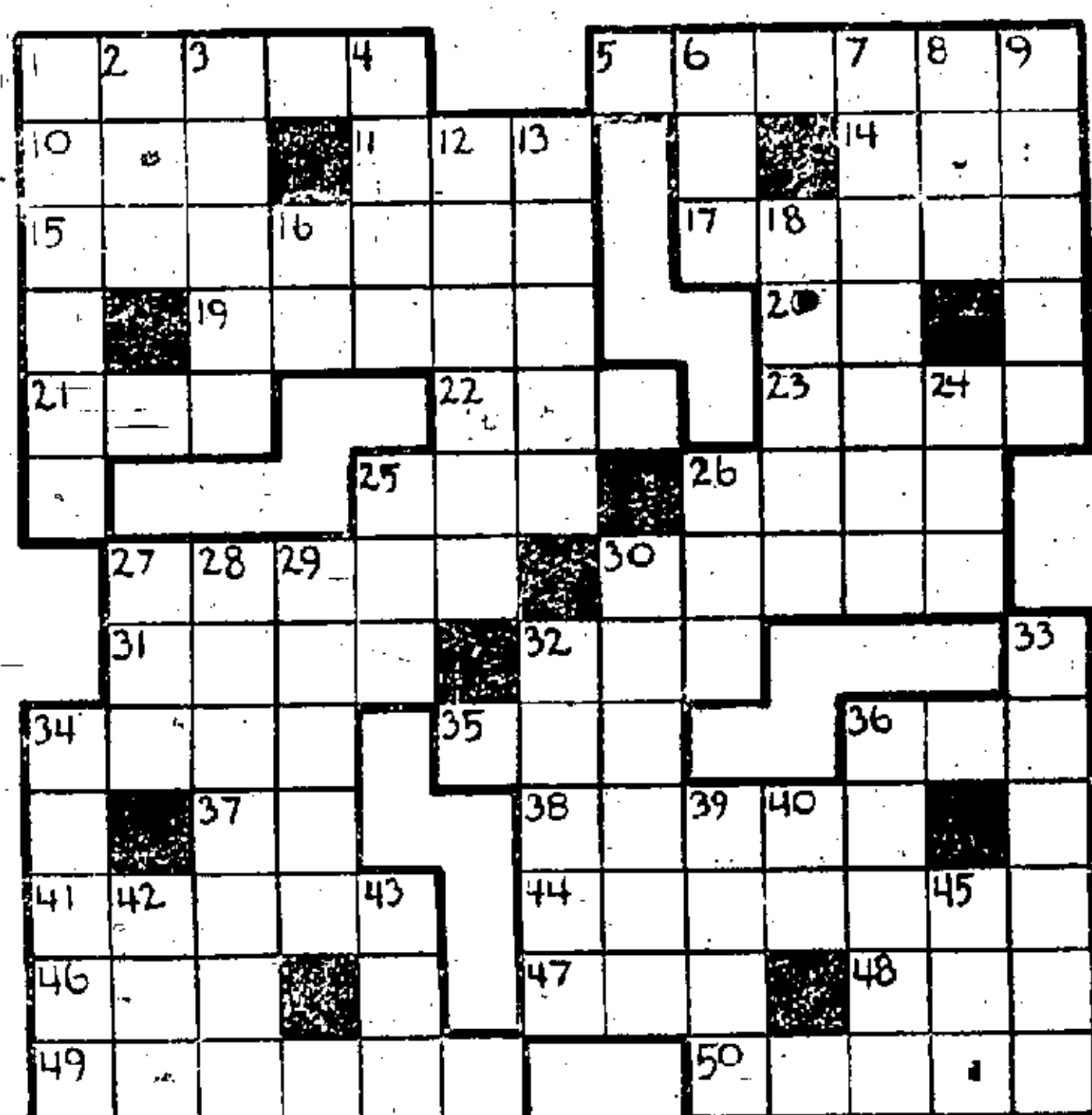
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(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert  
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional  
phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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**HORIZONTAL**  
1-Pertaining to a base  
5-A brawl  
10-A Hebrew high priest  
11-A serpent  
14-To hasten  
15-Calcium carbonate  
17-A state of condemnation  
19-Former name of China  
20-One of the continents (abbr.)  
21-An ending of adjectives  
22-A unit of energy  
23-To  
25-The utmost possible  
26-Comrade  
27-Green spot in a desert  
30-Sound  
31-Pertaining to wings

**HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**  
32-Come by  
34-To pierce  
35-To go astray  
36-Interjection. Disgust  
37-To have existence  
38-Silly  
41-Fright  
42-Conquers  
46-A mechanical device  
47-A letter (pl.)  
48-Small child  
49-A card game  
50-Bird homes

**VERTICAL**  
1-To signal by gesture  
2-A wing  
3-Substance produced by certain insects (pl.)  
4-Den  
6-Floor covering  
7-An Italian wine  
8-To feel sick

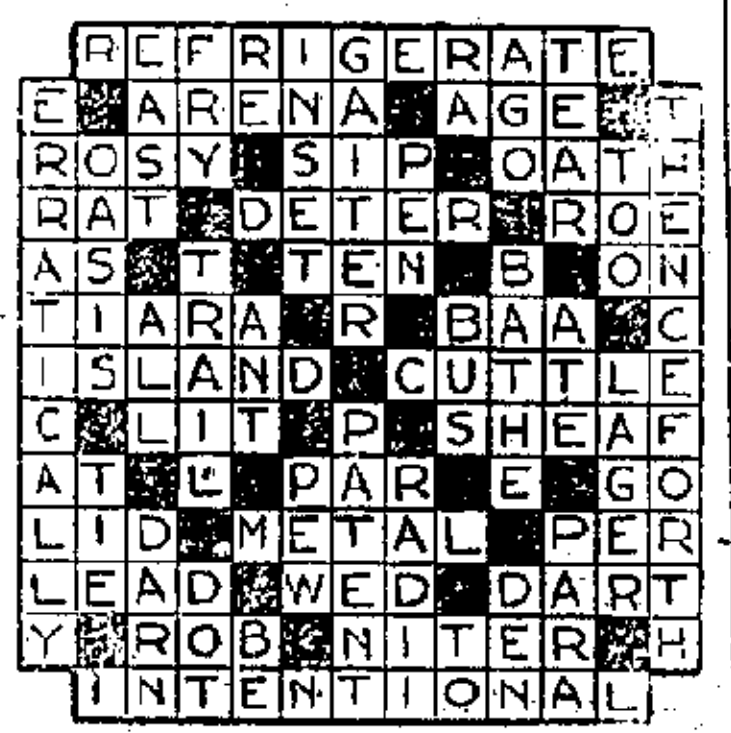
**VERTICAL (Cont.)**  
9-A bout in boxing  
12-Hardens oneself against  
13-A gem  
16-Prefix. With  
18-Customary  
24-To spread for drying  
25-To make public  
26-Be tangled  
27-One of the grains  
28-A southern State of U. S.  
29-Cavalry sword  
30-Belonging to spring  
32-Dirt ground in  
33-Packing boxes  
34-Area  
36-Vegetable (pl.)  
39-Association (abbr.)  
40-A part of the Bible (abbr.)  
42-A varnish gum  
43-Encountered  
45-Decay

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will  
appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word  
puzzle.)



The fact that William Seaman, real big butter and grocery man from New York, and Phyllis Haver (above), have at last admitted themselves engaged, at least shows that they both know their groceries. The marriage is to take place as soon as the blonde actress finishes work on her present picture.

#### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



#### DIES ON STAGE

##### FATAL SEIZURE DURING REHEARSAL

A dress rehearsal of the new comedy, "Afraid of the Dark," at the Theatre Royal, Brighton, was interrupted by the sudden death of one of the actors, Winington Barnes. He was playing the part of Fanshaw, a crook, when he had a sudden seizure and fell dead.

Mr. Barnes, who was about 55 years old, was well known for his interpretation of robust roles, not only in Britain but in many parts of the Dominions. He was for some time an officer in the British Mercantile Marine.

## MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS

### POLA NEGRI

#### VERSATILE ACTRESS IN NOVEL ROLE

##### MOTHER INSTEAD OF "VAMP"

The siren has reformed, and now Pola Negri is playing sympathetic sweetheart roles, interpreting the good qualities—and very few of the frailties—of all real women, everywhere.

It is one of the strange things that happens in the laboratory of human alchemy known as Hollywood; the place where villains—like Wallace Beery—are turned overnight into comedians, where heroes—like Adolphe Menjou—acquire a suave flavour or deviltry; where actors become directors and writers become producers.

The film cosmos is constantly rearranging the scheme of men's careers, patiently seeking to transmute dross talents into golden gifts. More often than not it succeeds.

The case of Pola Negri is exceptionally interesting, in view of the process by which she has been translated from a gorgeous, dazzling vampire, to a lovely creature of tenderness and self-sacrifice.

#### A Quick Transformation

The capricious, fascinating girl of yesterday has become a woman with soul and fortitude. The change was already apparent in "Hotel Imperial." As a servant girl, Pola could enchant a great general, but only for the heartfelt purpose of patriotism and single love.

"Barbed Wire" witnessed a further metamorphosis. Therein the actress interpreted the pacifist instinct of all women whose men go to war, all women who cry out their horror of bloodshed and hate and needless destruction, women whose love instincts are not halted by the geographical boundaries of country.

The truly significant change in the star's dramatic cycle is said to be contained in her latest picture "The Woman on Trial" directed by Mauritz Stiller.

For the first time in her brilliant and ambitious career she essays a mother role, a characterization which up to a year ago, would have been regarded as shut off from the Negri horizon by every concept of her dramatic experience.

Nevertheless, we are at last to see the millennium of a Negri madonna, sweet, suffering and patient, regarding her child as the most precious thing in this life or beyond, insured so fiercely to the maternal instinct that she turns tigress at the thought of losing her offspring, even though the boy is born of a loveless marriage. In many respects it is the most trying emotional role of her life. Also it is said to be one of the most superb

by those who have already seen the production.

#### The New Negri

So this is the new Negri, and the departure to her present field is bringing a triumph that eclipses all of her previous performances.

In "The Woman on Trial" she is fortunate in having the consistent support of a leading man like Einar Hanson, whose work is extraordinarily promising. One can scarcely imagine her making a venture into a mother's psychology without the deft, understanding direction of Stiller with whom characterization and emotional action are life studies.



Betty Compson

#### EPIGRAMS

We are indebted to the theatrical correspondent of the "Daily Mail" for the following examples of epigrammatic wit and biting satire from Mr. Reginald Berkeley's play "The Lady with a Lamp" which is drawing all London to the Garrick Theatre:—

Nobody grudges Labour a soul.  
The danger is that it may develop a heel.

You intend to be Prime Minister, then? Oh, I think so—I can't afford to win the Derby, and one ought to do one or the other.

It came to me that I was the woman with a lamp.... and then there was a Voice.... Have you told anyone? I tried to tell father.... He called in mamma.... Well? They gave me a dose of castor oil.

### "THE SECRET FLAME"

#### GLADYS COOPER'S ACTING IN MOVING STORY

##### SUPERSTITION BOGEY

There were moments in "The Sacred Flame," as we saw it at the Playhouse, says a London dramatic critic, which were almost unbearably acute for hardened first-nighters.

One of these came in the first act—a long but extraordinary well-sustained piece of perfect acting between Gladys Cooper and Richard Bird—the latter as the hopelessly maimed airman husband of a wife in the full bloom of her attractive womanhood.

There was another in the second act when Gladys Cooper was, this time, confronted with the rest of the company by the accusing, efficient and yet evidently broken-hearted Nurse Wayland of Clare Eames (a great study). And there was yet another in the third—but to emphasise that would rob the play, not of its interest indeed, but of a secret of the dramatist, which ought to be preserved.

#### Reception Overwhelming

This play of Somerset Maugham's has had a great success in New York with several of the same cast. Now that Gladys Cooper has entered it and brought it to London, it should defy the superstition that what New York likes London will not. The reception was overwhelming.

It is a cruelly moving play. The company spare neither themselves nor the audience. We suffer with them—for they all suffer—and at the close we applaud their magnificent artistry.

Three of the cast have been mentioned; they all should be, but at least Mary Jerrold's "mother" and C. V. France's old friend of the family will not be forgotten for a long time.

If you let sex blur your mind, goodbye to any work that's worth doing.

I was in the Diplomatic Service for three years. The public departments don't encourage amateurs—especially amateurs who want to get things done and know how to do them.

The War Office will always mismanage wars and the country will win them in spite of it. The heroine of the play is "Florence Nightingale," and the story deals with the days when Lord Palmerston was Prime Minister.

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(London, 18th-19th April)	SUNDAY, MAY 12.	Kashima Maru
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(London, 20th April)		Empress of Asia
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FRIDAY, APRIL 10.	
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Letters	May 11, 10.30 a.m.
SATURDAY, MAY 11.	
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SUNDAY, MAY 12.	
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Canton Maru 9 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kaying 9 a.m.
MONDAY, MAY 13.	
Amoy	Sui Sang 8.30 a.m.

\*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

## THE REPARATIONS PROBLEM

### NO SOLUTION

#### PROPOSALS UNACCEPTABLE TO BRITISH PARLIAMENT

#### MR. CHURCHILL'S STATEMENT

London, Yesterday.  
In the House of Commons, in answer to questions, Mr. Churchill said the Cabinet kept in touch with the British members of the Reparations Committee in Paris but had never sent them definite instructions nor proposed to do so on this occasion. The Experts' Committee must be left to reach their own conclusions. These conclusions, however, would in no wise commit His Majesty's Government, which remains entirely free to review the whole position and take its own decisions. Clearly, therefore, no urgency exists and it would be premature and inexpedient for the Government to pronounce at present on particular aspects, however important.

"In No Circumstances"  
In order, however, to prevent misconception abroad and alarm at home, perhaps it might be desirable to say that the kind of proposals foreshadowed by the newspapers yesterday would be unacceptable, and His Majesty's Government would, in no circumstances, entertain them (Cheers).—Reuter.

Another Report  
In the House of Commons today, Mr. Churchill (Chancellor of the Exchequer) announced that the terms of the Reparations settlement, foreshadowed yesterday in the Press, would, in the opinion of the Government, be unacceptable.

Mr. Churchill was answering questions by Colonel Grettton (Conservative) and Colonel Wedgwood (Labourite) who asked whether any statement could be made about negotiations for settling the payments by Germany under the Treaty of Versailles and whether the terms of reference to the expert Committee covered alterations in the Spa percentages?  
Mr. Churchill said the Committee of Experts, now sitting in Paris, was composed of independent representatives of the countries concerned, and the British members throughout these protracted proceedings had been impressed by their very admirable grasp and comprehension of the whole position.

The British Government had not, however, at any time sent telegraphic instructions to these gentlemen nor did they propose to do so on this occasion.

The Committee's Conclusion  
The Experts' Committee must be left to reach their own conclusions. These conclusions, whatever they might be and whether they agreed or not, in no way committed the British Government, which remained entirely free to review the whole position and take their own decision upon the work and recommendations of the Experts' Committee. Therefore, no urgency existed, and it would be premature as well as inexpedient for the British Government to pronounce upon particular aspects, however important.

## SIKHS' KIRPANS

### OPPOSITION TO BOMBAY GOVERNMENT'S ORDER

#### PROTEST TO VICEROY

Bombay, Yesterday.  
The Sikh community, the members of which carry kirpans (a kind of dagger) as a religious symbol, are seriously opposing the order forbidding the carrying of arms.

The President, Sing Sabha, in Bombay, has telegraphed to the

## DRIZZLE—MIST

This morning's weather report from the Royal Observatory stated:

Pressure remains highest to the North-East of Japan although a weak anticyclone area has developed over N. China.

A shallow depression is indicated over S. Japan, and the depression over Tongking has partially filled up.

Forecast:—E. winds, moderate; cloudy, with drizzle or mist.

Viceroy protesting against the ban as an attack upon their religion.

Two Sikhs, whom the police forcibly disarmed, remained at the Police Station, refusing to eat, drink or sleep until the kirpans were restored.—Reuter.

they might be at the present juncture.

However, in order to prevent misunderstanding abroad and alarm at home, it was perhaps desirable to say that the kind of proposals which were foreshadowed in the newspapers of yesterday would, in the opinion of the British Government, be unacceptable and the British Government would in no circumstances entertain them.—British Wireless Service.

## STILL UNCERTAIN

Paris, Yesterday.

Hopes of an agreement as to a Reparations' solution are fading, and there are several conflicting compromise-proposals instead of a compromise one likely to be made to Mr. Owen Young, of which none is generally acceptable.

Nevertheless, it is feasible that the Reparations' Committee's report agreeing as to the amount of German annuities and providing the safeguards demanded by Dr. Schacht, will be unanimously adopted.

Great Britain, Japan, the United States, and Italy would probably favour a rider leaving over the question of distribution of annuities for further allied discussions and decision, but the French and Belgium attitude on that point is uncertain.—Havas.

## A WASHINGTON STATEMENT

Washington, Yesterday.

Referring to Reparations at the daily conference of Press correspondents, Mr. H. Stimson (Secretary of State) said that the Paris experts had not asked the American Government for concessions in the amounts due to the United States in order to facilitate an agreement.—Reuter's American Service.

## END OF PRESENT PARLIAMENT

### DISSOLVES TO-DAY

#### M.P.'S. OFF TO FLIGHT IN CONSTITUENCIES

#### BATTLE FOR VOTES

London, Yesterday.

Parliament concluded its actual labours to-day, with the completion of the necessary financial measures. To-morrow, it will be formally dissolved and members will proceed to their constituencies to fight the election campaign.

The General Election takes place on May 30.

It is expected that the new Parliament will be summoned for June 25, when the Speaker will be elected and members sworn in.

There will be another brief vacation before the actual business begins.

Then it will depend upon the result of the General Election whether the present Government will remain in office for a further five years.—British Wireless Service.

## EXPERT WITNESS

(Continued from Page 1.)

You will agree with me that they are old methods of detection of handwriting, the microscope and pen pressure?—Yes, for a very considerable period of years.

Do I understand you to say that you are able to attribute a particular piece of writing to a particular person, granted you have sufficient data?—Yes.

That is also reduced to an exact science which is as exact as the detection of forgery?—There may be room for error.

After briefly reviewing the facts of Yeo's case to witness, Mr. Potter said:

You know that the jury in the criminal trial found the man guilty of uttering forged cheques?—Yes. Then one thing is clear. The jury could not have accepted your evidence and have found as they did?—I don't follow that.

## The Simple Issue

You said the cheques were genuine. They said they were forged.—That was the simple issue was it not? This is just to show you the danger of evidence like yours against that of people who say "We did not make these writings." I suggest that that jury could not have agreed with you and found the verdict they did?—I take it that was the case.

You, who had been retained by the Bank, were permitted to give evidence for the purpose of trying the issue in the Yeo trial?—Yes.

The Government gave permission to Mr. Jenkin to go to the Bank and extract from the Bank any cheques he thought fit to extract for examination for the purposes of deciding this issue?—I believe that was the case.

You know it to be the case, don't you?—Yes.

Greater facilities no Government could have given for the defence of a criminal?—That is true.

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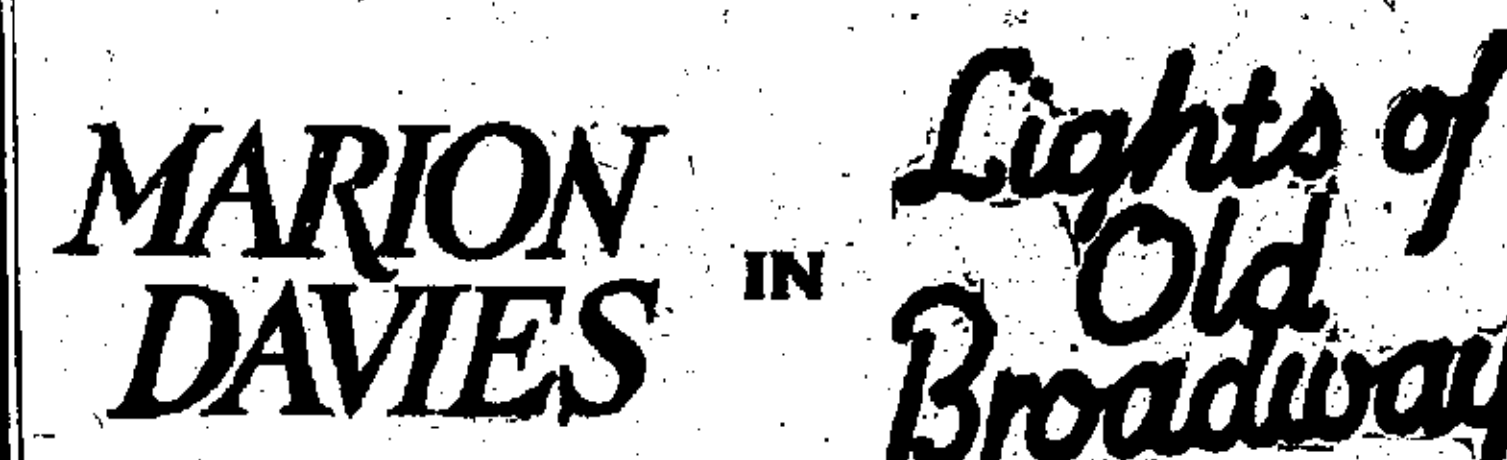
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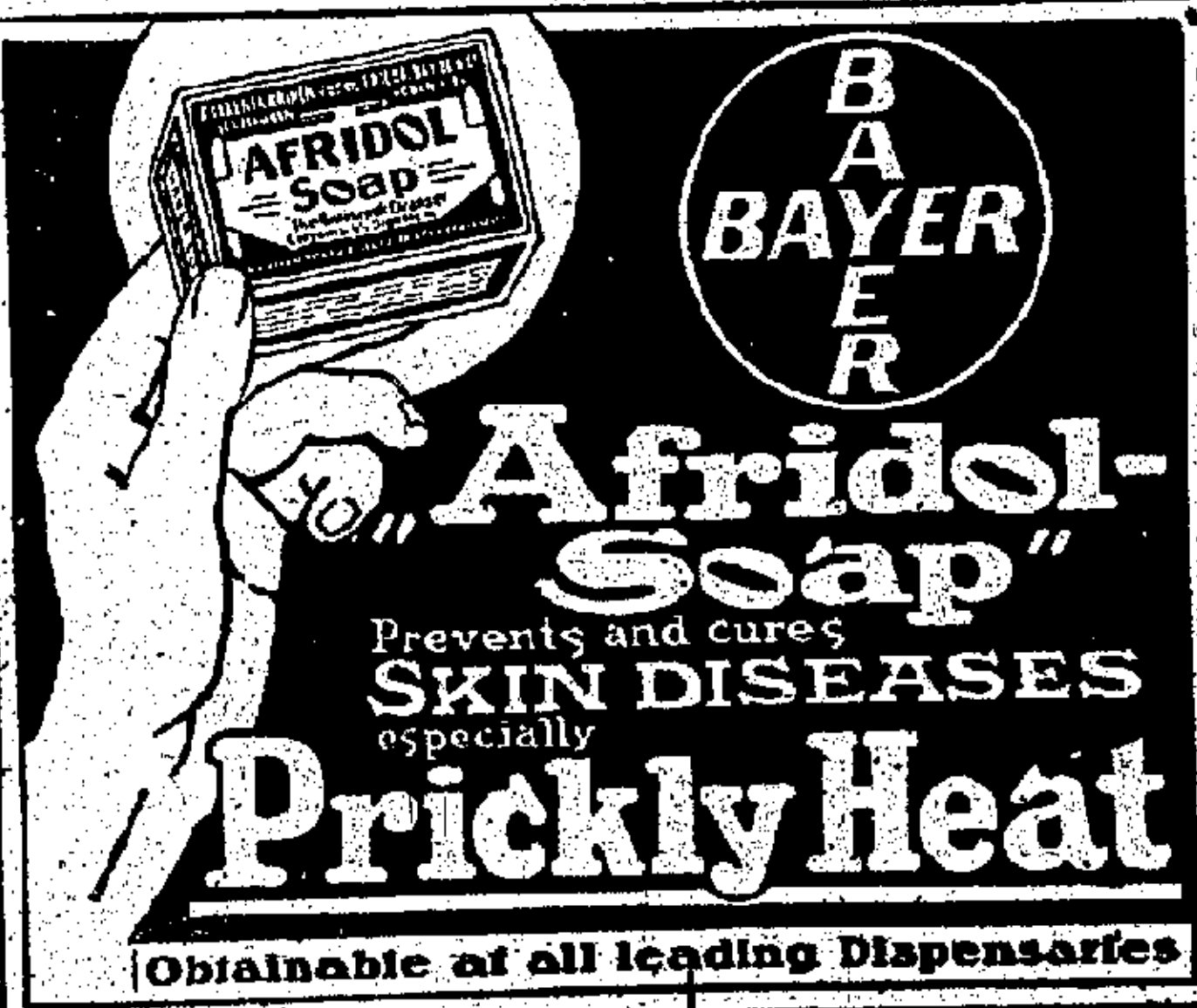
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